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Armed Robberies on Campus and Beyond

BY ADAM BERNSTEIN
COPY EDITOR

At around midnight on Sunday, Sept. 5, a male Muhlenberg student in the 400 block of N. 23rd Street was robbed. The student was pushed to the ground and noticed that the suspect was waving around what was described as a handgun. The suspect demanded that the victim empty his pockets and ran off with a wallet containing \$2 in cash, debit and credit cards, and the student's Muhlenberg ID. According to the victim, there was only one suspect who was visible. The victim described the suspect as an olive skinned olive-skinned male, five feet nine inches in height, with black hair, dark eyebrows, brown eyes, with a slight mustache, a square head, and in his late teens or early 20s. As the suspect fled by foot, the victim called police from a nearby MILE house. At around the same time, one witness to the crime flagged down a Campus Safety officer. Believing that this was a random, one time attack, Muhlenberg Campus Safety officers and Allentown Police Department (APD) obtained information from both the victim and the witness. The witness, unlike the victim, saw the direction of where the suspect was heading. The campus alarm from the bell tower was not activated immediately as Campus Safety and APD thought it would be best to gather preliminary information prior to alerting the campus. Around six minutes after the first call came through to the police, a second call was made regarding another armed robbery. At this point, Campus Safety immediately activated

the clock tower alarm and sent out emergency text messages and emails. The first round of messages was sent immediately after and was received by students at approximately 12:13am. The second attack occurred in the 300 block of Albright Street. The male Muhlenberg student victim reports there being two suspects. One of the suspects was not as clearly visible because he was behind the more visible suspect. The suspect put the student in a chokehold and also showed a handgun. The suspects asked for everything in the student's pocket and got away with \$5 in cash and his driver's license. The driver's license was later found in the 2100 block of Gordon Street. The victim describes one suspect as an olive skinned Hispanic male, five feet nine inches tall, with black hair, dark eyebrows, brown eyes, a slight mustache, possibly unshaven, a square head, and in his late teens or early 20s. The second suspect was described as a black male, six feet tall, wearing a grey jacket and blue jeans, approximately in his late teens or early 20s. It was believed by Campus Safety and APD that the suspects in the second attack were the same suspects from the first attack as their direction and timeline matched the description given by the witness of the first robbery. At approximately 12:44am, another round of text messages were sent out alarming students to remain inside, as the suspects were still at large. In addition, an email went out at 12:47am announcing that there were no injuries as a result of the two robberies. This email alert

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New Seegers, New Campus Restaurant

BY MELISSA ROTH
MANAGING EDITOR

Wooden rafters and hanging lanterns. Two-story windows and tall pillars. This is what greets the eager diner as he or she enters the new Campus Restaurant. Walking straight ahead, diners find themselves among dozens of tables and chairs, more of which can be found upstairs. To the left of the entrance, one finds themselves in the food area faced with eight different stations full of various dietary options, such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten friendly, and kosher.

The eight platforms consist of the Chef's Table, Magellan's, Chew St. Deli, Mangia Mangia, Croutons, Wildfire Grille, Noshery North, and Noshery South. At the Chef's Table students can enjoy their local and regional favorites; at Magellan's students can find international comfort foods or classic macaroni and cheese; students can choose from meats and cheeses to create their own sandwiches at Chew St. Deli; Mangia Mangia is the Italian kitchen which features hand-tossed pizzas, calzones, lasagnas, various pasta dishes, and garlic bread; fresh salads can be selected at Croutons; Wildfire Grille offers favorites such as hamburgers and French fries but also vegetarian choices; Noshery North and Noshery South give students Star K Certified kosher options; the dairy at Noshery North and the meats at Noshery South.

Outside the Campus Restaurant, College students have the opportunity to choose their food from other eateries such as the General's Quarters (GQ), LSC Café, Sandella's, and Java Joe's. At the GQ students can select Tex-Mex favorites from El Burro; an omelet, a burger, or a grilled cheese from 'Bergers Grill; fresh sushi from Ikigai; make their own sandwiches at Subconnection; or simply take out freshly prepared and packaged sandwiches, salads, and sides. Located in the Life Sports Center, the LSC Café students can grab a refreshing smoothie or salad. Sandella's offers a unique alternative with tons of ingredients from which students can create their own flatbread sandwich, quesadilla, or panini. At Java Joe's students can enjoy freshly brewed Starbucks coffee. Also, a fifth option outside of the Campus Restaurant will be available to students, the Mule Express. The Mule Express will offer a variety of options designed for an on-the-go lifestyle. Students can choose from fresh entrees and sides along with a beverage.



President Helm at Aug. 29th ribbon cutting, which marked the opening of Campus Restaurant

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Welcome Back Wake-Up Call

It's that time now when we say "hello" to the start of another year. While the usual feelings of excitement and motivation are present as we look forward to the year ahead of us, we cannot help but feel uneasy in light of recent events. The incidents that occurred on the College's campus late Saturday night and early Sunday morning have many students very shaken up, and understandably so.

Our hope is that students do not let these unfortunate occurrences interfere with a positive start to the year. As upperclassmen, we would like to point out that in our years here at the College, we have never once felt like we were in considerable danger. Our local and campus police have consistently responded with speed and professionalism to events like the recent armed robberies on campus.

Despite our obvious wish that threats like these on campus never happen again, we were pleased to find that the alarm and notification systems that were put in place last year work efficiently and quickly to alert students of the danger and tell them to get to safety. Many students were, surprisingly, unaware that these features had been put in place on campus. The events of this past weekend served as an eye-opener to students that our Campus Safety staff is as prepared as they can be for such unfortunate situations.

Of course, we all must take extra safety precautions, especially after dark. We hope everyone has read the numerous e-mails that we have all received over the past few days and is carefully following all of the safety measures that we have been told to take.

We would also like to thank Campus Safety for keeping us well-informed of the crimes and reassuring us that security would be heightened. To reiterate though, in addition to their efforts we must also take control of our own safety and be mindful of the safety guidelines that we have been told to follow. It is so easy to have an "it could never happen to me" mentality, but these robberies happened to our fellow students.

Remember to take precautions and never be afraid to ask for help. Campus Safety has proven yet again that they are there to do so.

Intolerance in the "Big Apple"

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

How is it possible that in a culture where there is such diversity of religion, race, political sentiment, and gender, that people can be so ignorant?

I am referring to opponents of the so-called "Ground Zero Mosque." For those of you who are not familiar with the issue, Muslims are attempting to build a mosque about two blocks from the former site of the World Trade Center. Opponents of the mosque are calling the planned building that is so close to the site of the attacks of 9/11 as insensitive.

Let me state that to suggest that the people behind the mosque should be more sensitive is a ridiculous statement. Muslims were not responsible for 9/11, and thus should not be punished for the atrocity considered by a few extremists. Labeling the terrorists as Muslims was a convenient tactic that was used in order to present narratives that were easily understandable: Islam vs. Christianity and East vs. West. However, the religion of a perpetrator does not make the religion guilty of a crime. Even if the deranged person does claim his religion to be his rationale, other members of the religion should suffer nor should the religion be held responsible for someone's twisted interpretation. Evil people are the enemy; not an evil religion.

The outraged atmosphere surrounding the building of the mosque has made it impossible for the builders to change the location. To move the mosque, in order to "be more sensitive," would be admitting that their religion, and not a few extremists, was responsible for the atrocities of 9/11.

This debate is not about the fact that New Yorkers don't want a mosque near Ground Zero. It has been made clear that many of the people who are arguing against the mosque in New York are not interested in having mosques anywhere in the United States. The issue has been linked to a parallel story happening in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where people have gone to extreme lengths (arson) to intimidate innocent and law-abiding Americans.

What Americans are showing is intolerance and fear – fear of the unknown. Americans fear what they don't understand, and it has become clear that Islam is something that is just misunderstood. This issue should not be taken lightly. This is a question of civil rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. It seems ridiculous that in a country that was founded on religious freedom, that it could even be considered that such a blatant disregard for personal freedoms could be considered.

Modern day Hester Prynne



VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

Taking a glance at the ethics charges many accuse Islamic fundamentalists of, it seems as though our modern world is witness to a modern day Scarlet Letter. Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote the novel back in 1850; yet even today societies around the world are still charging men and women with crimes that would seem primitive to those of us watching from a distance. If you are not well aware of the current state the world is in beside our own, you may have thought that execu-

tion by stoning was something that died out in the 19th century. But no, this 'issue' or rather grotesque crime against humanity is still present in many barbaric societies all around the world, but most recently headlined, in the authoritative state of Iran.

In Iran, the punishment for adultery is death by stoning, arguably one of the worst forms of killing. This form of inhumane execution is carried out, not by a few members of society, but by the entire community, which ultimately exemplifies the Muslim religion practiced by the Iranian society as certainly not being a, "Religion of Peace" as it is said to be, but rather the antithesis. The terms of the Fundamentalist Court in reference to "execution by stoning" explains that this form of inhumane cruelty is carried out under the will of their faith.

Let me explain the 'inhumanity' of stoning. In Iran, an individual accused of adultery is first thrown into a plastic bag, which is then tied near the accused feet. Once in the bag, the entire community forces him to stand in a hole that has already been dug waist deep. The hole is then filled waist-deep (for men) and neck-deep (for women). Once the criminal is one with the soil, the partakers gather around in a hoard of excitement and pelt rocks at the helpless life, until there is blatant sign that the indi-

vidual has been executed. The Terms of Fundamentalist Court states that "stones must be small enough that death cannot reasonably be expected from one or two blows, but large enough to cause physical harm." An execution lasts anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes.

This seems too barbaric, foreign, cinematic for our modern day heads to wrap around. Wake up! Our ignorant minds have placed this and other crimes against humanity, like Darfur and Uganda, in the back of our focus so that we can go on and live our incredibly simple and unthreatened lives. We, society, shield ourselves from the world we live in. Hiding the bad in order to make our lives easier, our petty insignificant troubles seem substantial, and our bellies fuller.

The Islamic Republic has been in rule since the Islamic Revolution in 1979. This government masks itself as one run under Allah, which means that anyone wishing to protest a governmental action will not simply be objecting to Islamic rule, but will be going against the will of God; therefore, anti governmental action is rarely seen due to the fear that one would be taking action against one's own religion. Now think about this in relation to stoning by execution. The entire community must take part in the event. If an individual chooses not to be involved, they will in turn be charged

for taking action against the government, against Allah.

In the Scarlet Letter, Hester Prynne is condemned for adultery; however, her lover Reverend Dimmesdale, is never persecuted by society. The female takes all of the blame, though it is impossible she acted alone. Under the Islamic Republic, females are treated in very much the same way. For example, in 2004, 13 year old Zhila Izadyar was convicted and sentenced to execution by stoning because she was raped by her older brother. After an enormous outcry from the sane world, the decision was overturned allowing the child to live.

Not only is execution by stoning a medieval concept, but the way in which women are treated also is substantially outdated. In court, a woman's testimony is worth only half of a man's and woman's right to inheritance is only half that of a man's. A Parliamentarian in Iran is on record explaining that, "Women must accept the reality of men dominating them, and the world must recognize the fact that men are superior." In Article 105 of Iran's Civil Code, in a relationship between a husband and wife, heading the family is characteristic of the husband. And finally, the Islamic Council of Guardians is on record stating that, "a woman does not

On your mark, get set, VOTE!



Today's Issues

ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

It may seem way too early to be talking about the 2010 midterm elections, but now is a perfect time for us to start getting involved. Believe it or not the political horse race that will be the 2010 election has been in full swing for some time now. Some might even argue that members of Congress began their campaigns for re-election immediately after the 2008 elections. Judging by the heightened media attention and the increasing attention-grabbing stunts by politicians, we can safely say that this is certainly going to be an extremely important and influential election.

As young Americans, we have been lectured inside and outside of class, by teachers, parents, and even politicians about the need to exercise our right to vote. This right, one fought for and one granted to us under our democratic form of government, is a vital part to our ability to participate actively in our government. When asked to name a key pillar to American democracy, one of the most common responses given by Americans is the right to vote. Unfortunately, voter turnout among American's of voting age

has been nothing short of stellar. Even we voting age Americans know it, yet the same low turnout continues. This can be applied especially to midterm elections. Without a highly contested presidential race going on, many Americans aren't drawn out to the polls. Let's face it, voting for members of Congress, gubernatorial and state candidates, and local politicians just isn't exciting. Our presidential candidates and the campaigns they run become dramatic and eventful, and often overshadow the "smaller, less important" races going on. Hopefully we can try a little harder to shed this assumption and view this November's election as equally important.

So why is this midterm election so important? The reason is because the outcomes of all the races going on will not only affect the balance of power in our local, state, and federal governments, but also all American citizens. I would even go so far and say that this election could be more life changing and history making than the presidential election of 2008. The fact that the election of Barack Obama was a truly historic and awesome point in American politics is not being discounted by any means. American Presidents always garner images of strong leaders who set the agenda for the American government and who dominate the scene down in Washington, D.C. They are usually the first office holder to come to mind when asked about American government and politics, and they become the centers of praise and criticism when policy decisions turn to gold or go sour. We even see it now with President Obama. To put it simply, almost everything being broadcast, written, or said regarding American politics somehow involves him. There is nothing wrong with this (it was a similar story with G.W. Bush as well), but the candidates running for office in this election may become as influential as Obama.

We can't forget about the principles

of American government when evaluating the importance of this election. The President has brought a whole range of issues to the debate. Healthcare, immigration, energy issues and the environment, reform of the financial industry, economic and job growth, and the war in Afghanistan are all in play. The President has been the driving force behind these policies. Obama has appeared as the major leader among Democrats in Washington and even as a pseudo-legislator, a role many Presidents have taken on. But we should remember checks and balances and separation of powers. These two defining aspects of our system of government can be major game changers. The midterm election of 2010 has become a battlefield because the Democrats need to hold majorities in Congress, both for their sake and the President's, and the Republicans want to take control to reverse harmful policy and implement what they see as better policy. When we hear rhetoric describing a Democratic majority being a continuation of Obama policy, it will most likely be true, and the same could be said for new Republican majorities being a clean slate and being a sound rebuttal to Obama policies.

If you believe the current action of the Democrats is taking the United States in the right direction, then preserving their control of Congress will keep them in control of the legislative process. If you see the policy and stances taken by this Congress and the President, then handing the gavel to Republicans will help to

redirect the Congress and put a check on the President's agenda. Neither the President nor Congress can act and accomplish any of their goals alone. The two branches are strongly linked. These two goals, wherever you stand, can be accomplished by us and every voting age American. We just have to get out and vote!

Even though the election is in November, we should try to make ourselves as informed as possible. No, this doesn't mean becoming policy wonks or political junkies, but it can only help us to know what issues are being debated and where our candidates stand. Perhaps a prerequisite to learning about the issues is being familiar with the political offices that we are voting for and the candidates that will appear on the ballot. It will serve us well to try to shut out the hyper-partisanship coming from the notorious Tea Party and Glenn Beck, who only trash Obama, and from the camp that thinks Obama and the Democrats are nothing short of super-hero saviors that are the only ones who can save America.

I can bet that we will soon be hearing the names Pat Toomey, Joe Sestak, John Callahan, Charlie Dent, Tom Corbett, and Dan Onorato on a regular basis. Get to know these candidates and see where they stand. Learn about the candidates first and try to partially discount party labels. The arguments I am making may sound like nothing new, but I hope you keep them in the back of your mind. There is quite a lot at stake this election.

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have the right to leave her home without her husband's permission, even to attend her father's funeral." A woman does not control her own life, she cannot even question the law because it has been "asserted" by Allah. Why is it that we are letting this injustice, this primitive cruelty take place right before our eyes? Most importantly why has the International Criminal Court not brought justice? We must do more than passively condemn this practice along with many other barbaric methods used by totalitarian governments around the world.

Opinionated?

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Les faits sont fait



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
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Classes have started, organizations and institutions have begun to revive, and we are finally back on that familiar path. Along that path we will highlight textbooks, make flashcards, and copy our notes, making sure put a star by the important details. We are quickly reminded that this is the only path to academic success; therefore we spend our time honing in on our ability to strategically ingest, simplify, and spew back lists of terms, ideas, and processes at any time, or at least until final exams. Without a pause, we make haste to memorize the reagents required to synthesize epoxide or the functions of a times interest earned ratio. Unfortunately, within

the first week of classes we are already moving down the wrong path. We have but four years to realize that education is not about the aggregation of answers but rather the struggle to ask the indispensable questions.

I spent the summer pipetting unimaginably small amounts of liquid into correspondingly small test-tubes among other things that fit better into a science fiction movie than learning laboratory. Although I am grateful for the research opportunity that I was given this summer, I am more grateful for the formative experiences that existed outside of the lab, outside of the classroom, and off the beaten path. I spent an appreciable amount of time with Dr. Bruce Wightman and Dr. Jeremy Teissere, who shared possibly one of the most telling phrases that I have ever heard, "les faits sont fait," which essentially translates to "the facts are made."

We live, work, and learn in a world of these truths, facts, and ideas, most of which we accept without question. The majority of these truths exist as part of some greater theory, which is exactly why they are so palatable. Theory, that is the ingestion, simplification, and spewing back out of now-connected facts, is not inherently a bad thing. We need theory to provide us with an interpretive lens through which we can create knowledge. The unintended consequence of theorizing is the creation of power. It is power that turns opinions into facts; thus, truths only exist through the lens of power.

Every institution, organization, and

discipline here at the College uses theory to perpetuate its power. For example, the College, as an institution, necessarily must uphold its place above students and does so successfully by instilling ideas into us. It does this with rhetoric of the "Caring College," pedantic bureaucracy, and its own police force that operates more successfully with the use of fear than force. The power that the school holds necessarily requires a student body that succumbs to constructed hegemonic ladder, also known as the aforementioned "only path to success."

So how do we navigate ourselves off of this path of ostensible truths? Only through critical analysis can we begin to move beyond memorizing and into the area of learning. Without critical thinking, our minds are disabled, powerless, and unfortunately primed for the next stretch of that comfortable path in our lives. Progress cannot exist without taking that collective plunge outside our comfort and into a lens through which there are no truths, only distributions of power.

Critical analysis is not equivalent to being quick to judge, which only leads to more superficial and myopic "truths." On the contrary, to be critical means to engage in a process of careful, well-considered, and reflective evaluation. Nor is critical thinking about arriving at the

answer. It is about the path that must be cleared to get you there. For that reason, there is no rush towards the answers that we are all trained to crave. The emphasis is solely the struggle to get there.

Although a self-inflicted struggle seems counter-intuitive and irrational for one's self-interest, it is, in actuality, fundamentally empowering to us as students. Although we cannot make up the time spent sitting in desks and yielding to the doctrines and ideologies of instructors, administrators, and our peers, there is still time to stand up and create change. Hopefully, through thinking critically about how even the most benign of truths are tools of power, we can foster an educational system that incor-

porates an emancipatory pedagogy rather than a fettered path.

So I challenge you to ask the difficult questions and point out when opinions become self-evident truths. Go to each class and challenge the facts presented in the texts. Call out absurdities at Stu-

dent Government meetings. Question the propaganda of Sodexo and why we spend millions on a new dining facility while many of its workers' children are undereducated and underfed. Ask why our male professors earn a larger salary, on average, than female professors. Most importantly, ask yourself how your indelible truths are made.

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also gave the descriptions of both suspects. Campus Safety and APD conducted a search of the entire College campus and the surrounding areas by foot and by vehicle. Determining that the robbery spree was over and no suspects were found in the area, an email alert was sent out at 1:35am and a text message alert was sent out at 1:40am announcing that both Campus Safety and APD issued an "all clear." After the "all clear" was given, all students were advised to be cautious and report any suspicious activity. As well, Campus Safety and APD remained on foot and in vehicle searching the campus. At 2:16am, another report of an armed robbery was called in. A round of text messages and emails went out to students at 2:18am and 2:21, respectively, and the clock tower alarm was subsequently activated. The third attack involved two Muhlenberg student victims, one male and one female. As the students were walking back to campus, they noticed that two men were following them around the area of the cemetery. Once the students and suspects reached the lawn between the Chapel and Moyer Hall, the suspects got in front of the students and demanded that they hand over whatever they have. The male victim reported seeing the suspect with a black object that appeared to be a knife. He reported that the suspect told him, "don't get any closer or I'll cut you up." The suspect asked for \$20 and the male victim complied. The female student was not asked for anything, but thought that the black object that the suspect was holding was a handgun. The students only reported seeing one suspect who was described as a Hispanic male, approximately 160 pounds, five feet nine inches tall, thin build, between the ages of 17 and 22. The suspect then fled on foot going east on Chew Street, retracing his steps going back toward the cemetery. Sometime after, the credit card stolen from the first victim was used at the local Hess gas station. The total charge is currently unknown, as it has to be processed by the credit card company. At this point, only the \$1 fee for paying with the credit card has shown up and is the only transaction so far. Campus Safety and APD continued searching the rest of the early morning hours throughout the campus, from Albright Street to Liberty Street and common off campus houses. Officers on foot checked in the backyards of houses while officers in vehicles checked elsewhere. At 8:19am, a round of emails were sent out announcing an "all clear" issued by Campus Safety and APD although none of the suspects were caught. Since that time, Campus Safety has increased its patrol on each of their shifts and APD has increased their patrol of the campus area, especially in the late night hours. No connection has been made to the Allentown Fair that was in occurrence that night.

Nearby Robberies

There was a report of an armed robbery at Lehigh University at around 1:00am Sunday, Sept. 5 near Thomas Street and Buchanan Street in south Bethlehem. Lehigh University Police Chief Ed Shupp confirmed that a male Lehigh student and three visiting female students from Moravian College were robbed at gunpoint while waiting for a cab. As in the Muhlenberg attacks, there were no injuries. The suspect got away with an iPod. The two suspects' descriptions are similar to the Muhlenberg suspects. One suspect was described as a six foot two inch tall Hispanic male in his

mid-20s with a medium build and a chinstrap beard who was wearing jeans and a white T-shirt. The second suspect was a six foot two-inch tall black male in his mid-20s with bushy hair who was wearing jeans and a blue and white shirt. The Lehigh suspects fled by foot toward south Bethlehem. Chief Shupp would not comment on whether these attacks had any connection to the attacks at Muhlenberg. As for how the Lehigh community was alerted, Chief Schupp stated that an email alert was sent out to all students, faculty, and staff.

Prevention

On Monday, Sept. 6, Dean of Students Karen Green sent an email to the campus community. Reporting that there are many new students on campus as the Class of 2014 has just entered, a reminder was given on what alerts will be given in an emergency. When a dangerous situation exists, Campus Safety has the capability to activate an alarm system that will broadcast from the speakers in the Haas clock tower. This alarm is loud enough to be heard outdoors at any location on campus.

Email alerts will be sent to all campus mailboxes and emergency text messages will be sent to all who have registered their cell phones with the emergency alert system. In addition, emergency messages may appear on the tech walls in campus classroom or as a crawl on the computer screen. The text message alert system is an extremely useful way to receive details on the status of any emergency situation. According to data from the Office of Information Technology and the Registrar, not everyone on campus has registered their cell phones. Out of 511 students in the Class of 2011, 474 students (92.8%) have their phones registered, in the Class of 2012, 100% of the 553 students have registered their phones, 367 out of 539 students (60.1%) of the Class of 2013 have registered, and 366 out of 604 students (60.6%) of the Class of 2014 have registered. Registering your phone is quick and easy. Go to <http://shrek.muhlenberg.edu/MessageBoard/alertMe/index.htm> and follow the simple directions. In addition, Tom Dougherty, Chief of Campus Safety, urges all students to report suspicious activity immediately. Do

*Report suspicious activity
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pressing the emergency button
on the "blue-light" phones or
calling Campus Safety from
your cell phone at
(484) 664 - 3110.*

not wait to get back to your residence; either press the emergency button on any of the Campus Safety "blue-light" phones or call Campus Safety from your cell phone at (484) 664-3110. Using the "blue-light" phones are most effective as the signal will transmit to the Campus Safety office faster and will automatically notify Campus Safety of the location that you are at. Another reminder is to not walk alone at night. Walk in groups. If you ever feel insecure about walking to or from anywhere on campus, call the Campus Safety escort service at (484) 664-3112. Stay in a secure area and a Campus Safety officer will come and pick you up at the location where you are and take you where you need to be. There has been a rise in escort service calls since the attack and students should remain vigilant. As a final reminder, secure your residence. Lock all of your doors and windows. Also, this campus has a habit of being very polite and holding the door open for people to walk in to buildings. Campus Safety urges you not to do this unless you know the person you are letting in. Fortunately in this incident, the suspects did not gain access into any of the buildings, but everyone must be cautious; there is a reason why you need to scan your ID card before entering residence halls.

"Talents" campaign exceeds fundrasing goals

BY COURTNEY BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

The College successfully
ended its "Talents
Entrusted to Our Care"

campaign this past June. The mission of the campaign is to take the gifts of our talented community members and investing those talents in order to have a greater return for the individual, community, and society. By investing in the College's students, faculty, facilities, and programs, the College itself can grow and shape the world around it.

The benchmark of raising \$105 million was reached and surpassed, with the final total being \$110.4 million—the largest campaign in our history. The campaign was broken into three initiatives: Endowments, Projects, and The Muhlenberg Fund.

Increasing the Endowment, or "The People Entrusted to Our Care" was the campaign's first priority. This initiative collected \$39.2 million. This endowment will enable the college to expand its financial resources and therefore protect the students and faculty from demographic and economic volatility as well as respond creatively to new opportunities that our faculty and students may have.

One of the largest gifts to this initiative was from The Atlantic Philanthropies Foundation, a \$10 million grant for building projects. Richard "Doc" D. Williams,

M.D. Class of 1939 left the College the largest gift from an individual in Muhlenberg's history, his \$7.2 million estate. This estate has benefitted 35 students in the past two years, and will continue to endow scholarships for students to come. The Century Arch of the New Science Building was part of a gift from The Century Fund of Allentown, PA. The Fund also donated over \$1.5 million for scholarships and financial aid.

"The Places Entrusted to Our Care", or our Capital Projects pooled nearly \$34.9 million. This initiative allows us to care for, maintain, and create new facilities—the very buildings that harbor the spirit and intellect of our community. The Life Sports Center was funded by many community families, including Chairman of the Board Richard Brueckner '71 and Laurie Brueckner '72, former chairman John Heffer and Barbara Heffer, as well as the Kresge Foundation. The late Sarkis Acopian donated a capital gift to fund the new Acopian Center for Ornithology as well as a new assistant position. One of the prominent features of the campus, the Trexler Tower of NSB was made possible thanks to the Trexler Trust of Allentown, PA. The Trexler Trust's gifts also aided the renovations of the rehearsal house on the south side of campus, as well as scholarships for students. An anonymous donation

from a Muhlenberg parent enabled the College to continue with the expansion and renovation of the beloved Hillel House.

"The Experience Entrusted to Our Care," or The Muhlenberg Fund is a cornerstone of the Campaign. The tuition price of the College only covers 85% of a Muhlenberg education. This initiative of the Campaign funds the 15% gap between what students pay and the actual cost of education. A large portion of these donations come from faculty and staff members; over 60% of faculty and staff made campaign gifts in the 2009-2010 year. Over 55% of Muhlenberg parents made gifts over the past year as well.

There are many other facets of campus life that the campaign has aided. The Seegers Union renovations were completed this summer. The campaign has helped in providing funding for eight new academic positions, increase grants for both students and faculty, and aid in professorships, scholarships, and financial aid as a whole. All of the gifts made to the campaign, no matter the size, have enabled the College to complete its campaign and will aid in the futures growth and success of our school. As a result of generous people's confidence in Muhlenberg College as an institution, their gifts have helped and will continue to help transform the lives of thousands who take part in our community.

'Berg named a "Best in the Northeast"

By BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Muhlenberg College was named one of the best colleges in the Northeast by The Princeton Review in its annual "Best Colleges: Region by Region" rankings. Muhlenberg is one of 218 institutions that were named in a post dated Aug. 2. It was also recognized for its theatre and dance program, which was named sixth in the United States.

According to The Review, the Northeast consists of the following states: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C. The Review also ranked the best 152 in the Midwest, 120 in the West, and 133 in the Southeast in the "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region" lists.

According to the Review's website, "The survey has more than 80 questions in four main sections: 'About Yourself,' 'Your School's Academics/Administration,'

'Students,' and 'Life at Your School.' We ask about all sorts of things, from 'How many out-of-class hours do you spend studying each day?' to 'How do you rate your campus food?' Most questions offer an answer choice on a five-point scale: students fill in one of five boxes on a grid with headers varying by topic (e.g. a range from 'Excellent' to 'Awful'). All of our 62 ranking lists tallies are based on students' answers to one or more of these questions with a five-point answer scale. Some questions on the survey are open-ended and offer students the opportunity to answer with narrative responses."

This isn't the first time that The Princeton Review has recognized Muhlenberg's excellence. In 2008, Muhlenberg was featured in the "366 Best Colleges" list. Muhlenberg has also been featured on other lists. The College is 132 in the nation on Forbes' list. Also, according to U.S. News & World Report, it is 75th amongst liberal arts schools.

New Trustee Board Members Elected

By JACLYN SOBEL
COPY EDITOR

Over the summer, the College elected three new members to its Board of Trustees: Gerald Galgano '80, Arthur Scavone '81, and Beatrice O'Donnell. The new trustees' three-year term began July 1.

Galgano is President of Hilliard Farber and Company in New York, NY. As a graduate of the College, a member of the College's Board of Observers, and a member of the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society (HMMS), Galgano has been actively involved in the education of Muhlenberg students. In fact, Galgano and his wife, Carol, have five daughters, two of which (Kristen '11 and Susan '14) attend the College.

A lawyer and partner in firm White & Case in New York City and Global Head of the firm's Energy, Infrastructure, and Project Finance Group, Scavone has a lot of experience in overseeing large organizations. He is currently a member of the Board of Observers and is also a member of HMMS. He resides in New York, NY, with his wife Anne. They have two children.

O'Donnell is a Partner with Duane Morris, LLP, a Philadelphia-based law firm. She is currently a member of the Board of Observers, an HMMS member and former Chair of the Parents Council. O'Donnell has a daughter who attended Muhlenberg, Carolina Millard, graduating just last year. O'Donnell resides in Ambler, PA, with her husband Kevin Canavan.

Together, the three new trustees are bound to carry on the tradition of providing the College students with top-notch education. "Great private colleges like Muhlenberg derive their strength from the committed volunteer leadership of gifted people like Jerry, Art and Beatty, who are willing to invest their talent and energy in the education of the next generation. All of us at the College are lucky to have them on board," said Board of Trustees Chair Richard F. Breuckner '71, as he announced the election results.

Banner Year for 'Berg Admissions

By AMY DENITTO
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Along with the physical changes on campus – most notably the new Campus Restaurant – comes the biggest change that occurs every year on campus. The Class of 2014 consists of 605 students, according to the profile put out by Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions. As this large class replaced the Class of 2010, the number of full-time traditional day students remains relatively steady around 2,225.




This year, the College received 4,569 applications for freshman admission, up from 4,410 last year. This is the fifth straight year that the College has received more than 4,300 applications for freshman admission. This year's acceptance rate was 48%. Less than 150 colleges nationally admit less than half of their applicants; the College has been among those 150 for the past 11 years.

This year "we...made significant strides with our diversity initiatives," says Hooker-Haring. The Class of 2014 is the most ethnically diverse incoming class in the College's history. 12% of first year students identify as students of color, up from 9.1% last year and 8.2% two years ago. 43% of the entire first year population is male and 57% is female, mirroring the national demographics of 18-year-old college students.

At the point of admission, the top three intended majors of first year students were theatre, biology, and psychology. Other popular majors included business, English, and Media & Communications. Their verbal, math, and writing sections of the SATs averaged 617, 615, and 617, respectively. This is up from 604, 606, and 609 respectively last year.

"Quality continues to be the name of the game," says Hooker-Haring. "All of our key quality indicators improved again this year." The new addition to Seegers Union, the new performing arts rehearsal hall, the Hillel expansion, and recently built residence halls have contributed to the College's momentum in admissions. Recent additions to the academic programs offered on campus such as Film Studies, Finance African-American Studies, and Public Health have also spurred interest, according to Hooker-Haring. He stresses; however, that "it is still the Muhlenberg people – students, faculty, and staff – who make the experience what it is and are our primary drawing card. Prospective students and parents often comment on the special sense of community and high energy they experience when they visit our campus. That's a difference-maker for us."

Weekend Weather

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Campus Safety Notes

Aug. 30 – Found Property – On N. 22nd St., a reporting party found several cards including a credit card, a social security card, and others. A message was left with the owner to pick up the items at the Campus Safety office. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Aug. 30 – Larceny/Theft – On Chew St., there was a report of a stolen bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Aug. 31 – Found Property – In Parents Plaza, there was a report of found items. The owner was notified and responded to the Campus Safety office and claimed some of the items. The remaining items were placed in the lost and found lockers.

Aug. 31 – Found Property – In Walson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found child's bicycle. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the lost and found lockers.

Aug. 31 – Harassment – At the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, there was a report of harassment outside of the fraternity house. An investigation will continue.

Sept. 1 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found Simplex ID card. An email was sent to the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Sept. 1 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found EpiPen. The owner was notified and the item was placed in the Campus Safety lost and found lockers.

Sept. 1 – Larceny/Theft – At Parents Plaza, there was a report of theft of rings from a vendor. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 1 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found book. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Sept. 2 – Found Property – In the East Hall Quad area, there was a report of a found backpack. The owner was notified and picked up the item.

Sept. 2 – Traffic Detail – In the faculty/staff parking lot, a vehicle was booted while parked in the Controller's parking spot with several unpaid tickets. A Campus Safety officer later removed the boot.

Sept. 2 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Prosser Hall parking lot, there was a report of a minor vehicle accident involving a Muhlenberg College vehicle.

Sept. 2 – Found Property – At the Egner Memorial Chapel, there was a report of a found baseball cap. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 2 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The alcohol was disposed of and the individuals were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 2 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Upon arrival, several open and unopened containers were noticed. The items were disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. An underage student was carrying an open container. The item was disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, main basement, there was a report of a found bag of coins. The item was placed in the lost and found lockers.

Sept. 3 – Attempted Theft – In Walson Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to a computer. The locks were removed and it appears as if someone was attempting to remove the computer from the lab. The incident is believed to have occurred between Monday, August 30 and Friday, September 3. Anyone with information concerning this incident should notify Campus Safety. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 3 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers

Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick Sodexo worker. Allentown EMS was called and the Health Center responded.

Sept. 3 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost iPod touch.

Sept. 3 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of keys and sunglasses turned in to the Seegers Union information desk. A Campus Safety officer picked up the items and placed them in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 3 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a report of an alcohol violation by a Muhlenberg student that occurred off campus at DeSales University. The student was charged with underage drinking. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On Gordon St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded and a student was arrested for public drunkenness and underage consumption. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Injured Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Sept. 4 – Medical Transport – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 4 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – Off campus, there was a report of a noise violation. Upon arrival, an officer spoke with the residents. No further action

was taken.

Sept. 4 – Larceny/Theft – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 4 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of drug possession. The items were brought to Campus Safety and were turned over to the Allentown Police Department. A student was arrested for drug possession. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Exposer – On N. 26th St., there was a report of an exposer by non-students at an off campus location. Allentown Police Department responded as well. The area was checked and the individual could not be located.

Sept. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. The student was cited by the Allentown Police Department for underage consumption of alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Firearms – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of an armed robbery in the 400 block of N. 23rd St. Items were taken from the individual. Allentown Police Department also responded. Campus Safety and the Allentown Police Department checked the surrounding area. The suspect was not located. The suspect was described as an olive skinned Hispanic male, five feet nine inches in height, black hair, dark eyebrows, brown eyes, slight mustache, square head, approximately in his late teens or early 20s. Campus notification was made by email and text message system. Students are reminded to walk in groups at night and to utilize the escort program provided by the Campus Safety Department and to contact Campus Safety immediately if they observe any suspicious individuals or activities. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 5 – Firearms – On Albright St., there was a report of an armed robbery in the 300 block of Albright St. The Allentown Police Department

responded as well. Campus Safety and Allentown Police Department checked the area and the suspect was not located. The suspects are described as an olive skinned Hispanic male, five feet nine inches in height, black hair, dark eyebrows, brown eyes, slight mustache, possibly unshaven, square head, approximately in his late teens or early 20s. A second suspect was described as a black male, approximately six feet tall, wearing a gray jacket, blue jeans, approximately in his late teens or early 20s. Items were taken from the individuals. A campus wide notification was made by email and text message. Students are reminded to utilize the escort service provided by the Campus Safety Department, to walk in groups, and contact Campus Safety immediately if they observe any suspicious individuals or activities. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 5 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 5 – Robbery (Knife or Cutting Instrument) – By the Chapel lawn, there was a report of a robbery in the lawn area between the Chapel and Moyer Hall. Allentown Police Department responded as well. Campus Safety and Allentown Police checked the area. The suspect was not located. Campus wide notification was made through email and text message system. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 160 pounds, five feet nine inches in height, thin build, between 17 and 22 years of age. Students are reminded to walk in groups, utilize the escort service provided through the Campus Safety Department and contact Campus Safety immediately if they observe any suspicious individuals or activities.

Sept. 5 – Noise Complaint (City Ordinance) – Off campus, there was a report of a noise complaint at an off campus property. Allentown Police Department responded as well. Allentown Police will be issuing the residents a Disruptive Conduct Report. Students are advised of the Muhlenberg College Disruptive Conduct Policy.

Sept. 5 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost wallet and keys.

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"The unexamined life is not worth living."
-Socrates

In Exchange For Gold: The Legacy of Gold Mining in Las Juntas de Abangares, Costa Rica

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

Don't miss your chance to see beautiful and compelling artwork being displayed this month from Sept 1-25 at the Martin Art Gallery located in the Baker Center for the Arts. While there are always exhibitions and programs open to the public and free of charge at the Gallery, there is only a limited viewing of the display *In Exchange for Gold*. This exhibition features dozens of digital photographs by Muhlenberg College professor and Art Department Chair Joseph E.B. Elliott. In order to produce this exquisite presentation Professor Elliott collaborated with fellow professor Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Biology Department Chair and Director of the College's Sustainability Studies Program. Niesenbaum's background in science and experience working on community sustainability issues in Las Juntas, Costa Rica, coupled with Elliott's background in art and exploration of industrial themes since the 1980s allowed for them to produce an exposition that comprehensively documents the historical, cultural, and environmental facets of this gold mining community. A quote from the exhibition catalog, "As they (Niesenbaum and Elliott) work and teach in the liberal arts, their primary goal is to embody...integration of disparate disciplines, synthesis in interpretation, and critical analysis in a joint effort to understand and document a challenged and complex community." It is an ongoing project, which continues to educate and inform people about mining in Las Juntas.

Mining in Las Juntas began in the late 1880s by American businessman Minor Cooper Keith and thrived through the 1920s. Mining began to crumble in the 1930s due to the worldwide economic crisis. Despite the hardship for gold miners in the Las Juntas de Abangares region, mining in that area never completely ended. Currently, young and old miners carry on the tradition of gold mining in that area of Costa Rica despite the fact that the region lacks the capital to provide a modest level of workplace and environmental safety for the workers. They take a great risk everyday as they are endangering their personal health, the health of their families, and the well being of their town.

In order to share and document the Las Juntas story, Elliott provides crisp black-and-white images of working miners, shop owners, and families who have lived there for generations. Juxtaposed against that gray palette are richly colored images that place the town in clear context and highlight the lush local flora, and varied terrain. Also provided in this display are photographs by Carolyn Blake, who

participated in this year's visit. She not only took photographs on site during the project, but she also spent countless hours assisting Professor Elliott in scanning, adjusting, and printing the digital images. These photographs help to round out the visual narrative.

To learn more about this exhibition there is artist's reception on Sept 15 from 4:30-6:00 pm. Also, other exhibitions and works of art can be viewed at the Martin Art Gallery from Tuesday through Saturday, from 12:00-8:00pm. For more information, call the Martin Art Gallery at 484-664-3467.



Two miners in Las Juntas, Costa Rica.

PHOTO BY JOSEPH E.B. ELLIOT

Inception: a wholly-original work of art

By MATTHEW HOWARD
FILM CRITIC

With movies such as *Memento*, *Insomnia*, and the last two *Batman* films under his belt, writer/director Christopher Nolan has established himself as one of the premiere storytellers of his generation. Now with *Inception* he has created his most sophisticated and creative work to date. Simply put, this is a masterpiece. *Inception* is a rich, multi-layered, dense and challenging film that takes you inside the world of dreams, unlike any movie you have seen before and stands alone as a wholly-original work of art.

Mr. Nolan embodies two roles that figure vitally in the narrative of his astounding, genre-defying film: He is both an architect and a dreamer. *Inception* is a boldly constructed visual and intellectual wonder with plenty of — as one character describes it — "paradoxical architecture." While it is a mouth-agape, eyes-wide-open, edge-of-your-seat thriller, it is also an exhilarating essay on the lure, the power, and the seductions of cinema; also known as: the dream factory.

Inception is smart, taut, and does not reward idleness. If you zone out or make a trip to the snack bar, it will lose you. All it asks of viewers is that they do something rare: engage the intellect. Details may elude even the most attentive viewer, but the big picture will remain in focus. Despite layering dream upon dream and blurring the lines between reality and fantasy, Mr. Nolan has meticulously established *Inception* in such a way that getting lost is not an option.

Inception unfolds in a near-future setting in which devices have been invented that allow individuals to invade the dreams of others and, if they're clever and experienced enough, they can extract secrets revealed by way of the subject's subconscious. One of the best of such thieves is Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio), who is being recruited for a job by corporate magnate Saito (Ken Watanabe). What Saito wants is not an ordinary request. Instead of asking for an extraction, he demands an inception - the implantation of an idea deep in the subconscious that will bear future results. Most

dream thieves consider this impossible, but Cobb disagrees, because he claims to have performed it. It is dangerous, but possible.

The target is Robert Fischer Jr. (Cillian Murphy), who has just inherited the corporate empire built by his father (Pete Postlethwaite). Cobb assembles his team, beginning with his frequent compatriot, Arthur (Joseph-Gordon Levitt). Together, they recruit an "architect" - the individual who builds the dream worlds. She is Ariadne (Ellen Page), a student studying under the tutelage of Cobb's father-in-law (Michael Caine). After Ariadne undergoes her training (which serves as a tutorial for the audience, as well), the final two members are brought on board: Eames (Tom Hardy), who can impersonate anyone in a dream, and Yusef (Dileep Rao), a chemist whose drugs can keep sleepers sedated. Together with Fischer and Saito, the five travel into a dream-within-a-dream-within-a dream where, three levels deep, they attempt the inception.

However, *Inception* is also a philosophical feat. Inspired special effects advance graduate-school-level reflections about doubt, certainty, paranoia and trust. And then there is the matter of "cinema" itself. Like its spectacular final act, *Inception* operates on so many levels brilliantly.

Inception involves the intellect while at the same time, not ignoring the visceral. There are numerous straightforward action scenes, including *Matrix*-like gravity-free hand-to-hand combat and a car chase, that inject some adrenaline into the proceedings. In fact, the entire second half of the film amounts to one massive, carefully choreographed sequence of escalating suspense as dangerous circumstances unfold across three levels of dreamscapes. Hans Zimmer's pounding score and Nolan's careful cross-cutting tie everything together perfectly.

Unlike too many action movies, *Inception* doesn't delight in global destruction. It wields the power of special effects as metaphor. In *Inception* the special effects serve the story, rather than

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Scott Pilgrim vs. the World fuses movie genres and pop culture.

BY AAYESHA JAN
LIFE WRITER

of the Dead and *Hot Fuzz*, Edgar Wright, we now have a film with the same quick dialogue and hilarious one-liners that keep us engaged and laughing from start to finish. This movie manages to keep the spirit of the graphic novels it was based on while also providing fight scenes any old school Sega lover will enjoy.

This entertaining film follows 22-year-old bass player named Scott Pilgrim. We meet him as he lives his life freeloading off his best friend Wallace Wells, getting to the handholding stage with his 17-year-old girlfriend Knives Chau, and trying to make it with his band, The Sex Bob-ombs. That is, until the girl of his dreams (literally) comes into his life. Ramona Flowers is everything he wants in a girl. Unfortunately for them both, she has seven Evil Exes. Scott will have to defeat all seven in order to win her heart.

Michael Cera (*Superbad*) stars in this fantasy-action-comedy as Pilgrim. He manages to transform his typecast awkward nerd into a funny, self-deprecating, ass kicking awkward nerd. Playing two of Ramona's Exes are Chris Evans (*Fantastic Four*) and Jason Schwartzman (*The Darjeeling Limited*). Despite the fact that none of the evil executives get copious amounts of screen time, the time that they do get is filled

Scott Pilgrim vs. The World manages to fuse pop culture, video games, romance, alternative rock and fantasy into one beautiful package. From the director that gave us *Shaun*

The creative pairing of beautiful cinematography and quick cuts allows for an easier acceptance of even the oddest moments on screen.

with great comedic timing and very few misses. As the object of his obsession, Mary Elizabeth Winstead (*Live Free or Die Hard*) plays Ramona Flowers. Winstead manages to humanize the aloof and detached character and deals considerably well being a generally serious character in a comedy. Playing the practically platonic girlfriend is Ellen Wong as Knives Chau; Wong somehow manages to avoid the innate annoying factor in an awestruck and fangirl-y teenage girlfriend and hits all the right, hilarious notes. At each turn the supporting cast manages to steal the scenes, but none so much as Kieran Culkin as the gay best friend and roommate.

Bringing all this together was Wright continuing that cheerful yet dark atmosphere that is often found in his movies. Wright creates a fast paced, well cut, and vaguely bizarre movie that is for the most part geared towards those from the video game era.

The creative pairing of beautiful cinematography and quick cuts allows for an easier acceptance of even the oddest moments on screen. Almost as soon as you sit down you should be letting go of reservations and thinking, "yes, ok, this is happening." It's a feeling you're going to need to harness yourself to in order to not over think many of the seemingly random occurrences.

It's not easy to describe the hundreds of seeming contradictions in this movie. In three words? Go see it.

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the other way around - which is a rare occurrence these days, when the emphasis seems to be on providing viewers with visual amusement-park rides (e.g. *Avatar*, *Transformers*, 2012). In this case, we are presented with cities where streets defy gravity by arching overhead and massive cliffs that collapse into the sea. There is a point to everything, most often to illustrate how dreams distort the commonplace into something that defies the natural laws.

Is *Inception* cerebral? Yes. Is it too cerebral for mass audiences? I would argue that's not the case. In a sense, one gets out of *Inception* what one is willing to put in. Those looking for an action/adventure film can identify that, although 148 minutes

is a little long for something so simplistic. Those willing to think and puzzle a little more will find that the twists and turns of the narrative aren't as labyrinthine as they initially appear. Mr. Nolan also included a few clever winks. The repeated use of Edith Piaf's "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien" amuses; after all, Ms. Cotillard won the Academy Award for her portrayal of Ms. Piaf in *La Vie En Rose*.

The score, the cinematography, the special-effects, the performances all deserve Oscar nominations. This is one of the best movies of the 21st century and is most certainly an Oscar frontrunner. *Inception* runs 2 1/2 hours. About two hours in, I looked at my watch. It was not a gesture of boredom but an expression of regret that the ride would soon end.

Transitioning Your Wardrobe 101

BY KELLY McLAUGHLIN
LIFE WRITER

It happens every year. The

weather says summer, but the fashion magazines and clothing racks of our favorite stores scream fall.

While the temptation might seem unbearable, don't banish your shorts and sandals to the back of your closet just yet! There are ways to incorporate the exciting trends of fall into your already existing summer wardrobe. Accessories are the key to a successful seasonal switch.

Tights

Opaque tights are great for two reasons. This sort of addition to your wardrobe not only extends the life of a sundress, carrying into cooler weather, but it also brings your look to the next level. Tights add instant drama and character to an outfit.

Take a risk this season and experiment with vibrant colors, small patterns and even different textures. While exploring your leg wear options though, be sure to keep in mind that a general rule of thumb, the bolder the tight, the more neutral the dominant piece of the outfit should be.

If just the thought of rocking goldenrod tights down academic row makes your palms sweat, try easing yourself into the color trend by trading your black tights

for a dark plum or classic navy.

Jackets

Denim has been making a true comeback. It made its presence known on the runways this past spring in forms of all sorts from bags to crisp button downs to full blown suits, and of course the ever classic jacket. The look is definitely one that'll be sticking around, and throwing a denim jacket over sleeveless tops and tanks is a great way to squeak out another wear.

If you're looking to make an edgier, urban statement, a leather bomber jacket is the go-to piece. A boyfriend blazer is an essential part of a look that I personally have an ongoing love affair with—boy-meets-girl, masculine-meets-feminine. Pairing a structured menswear inspired jacket with a floral or glitzy top and skinny jeans is great juxtaposition of unexpected items. It says laid-back, yet sophisticated.

Scarves

However you choose to loop it, tie it, wrap it or knot it, the introduction of a scarf has the ability to make over any basic jeans and T-shirt outfit into one that is truly fashion forward.

With summer fading, a fresh scarf is the perfect finishing touch as it can

breathe life into a tired look. Pair a solid, more fitted top with a patterned scarf made of a lightweight fabric.

For a unique twist, braid the center of a solid scarf with a patterned one. This look is limited more so to gauzy fabrics, but when it works, you're guaranteed a one-of-a-kind standout accessory!

Nails

Updating your polish color is one of the easiest ways to update your look. As the temperature cools let neutral nails replace summer's neon pinks and baby blues. Right now, greige is all the rage. That's right, not gray, not beige, but a fabulous combination of both. Colors like Essie's Jazz and Mink Muffs certainly qualify as trendy.

If this color, or lack thereof, just doesn't suit your style, try something similar to Chanel's Paradoxal, which kicks up the potentially blah gray with a splash of violet. (I say "try something similar," because at a retail price of \$23 a bottle, Chanel polish is definitely a splurge!)

That sun-kissed skin of yours is demanding attention, so for goodness sake, put the breaks on the Uggs for now and remember that experimentation with accessories is the solution to your in-between season fashion woes.

Have fun!



Jennifer Aniston



Jessica Alba



Leighton Meester

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Eat, Pray, Love
Fri: 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
Sat: 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
Sun: 1:10, 4:10, 7:00

Going the Distance
Fri: 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Sat: 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Sun: 2:10, 4:30, 7:10

Machete
Fri: 4:20, 7:50, 10:20
Sat: 4:20, 7:50, 10:20
Sun: 1:40, 4:20, 7:50

Resident Evil
Fri: 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
Sat: 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
Sun: 2:30, 4:50, 7:30

The American
Fri: 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sat: 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sun: 3:00, 5:15, 8:00

The Last Exorcism
Fri: 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
Sat: 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
Sun: 2:40, 4:40, 7:20

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fought for field position. Delaware Valley started the fourth drive of the half on the Muhlenberg "M" at midfield. An 11-yard rush by the halfback, he had 69 yards on the game, took the Aggies into Mules' territory. They scored again two plays later, on a 36-yard run to the left by the backup running back.

The Mules entered the 4th quarter down 27-0 and were in danger of being shutout for the first time since 1998. However, with 1:47 left, the Mules were able to put a 6 on the board when sophomore running back Terrence Dandridge slipped around the right side, scoring from the Delaware Valley 1-yard-line. The Aggies ran down the clock, holding the final score to 27-7.

Senior Linebacker Patrick McDonough led the Mules' defense with 14 tackles, backed by Hartzell with 10 of his own. Junior Defensive End Kenneth Cobb also had an above average game with 2 tackles for a loss, including a sack, on which he forced a fumble.

Last year, the Mules surrendered the Centennial Conference title for the first time in three years. This year, like last year, looks to be a rebuilding year. Although the Mules struggled last year (they went 3-7), several young players were able to get varsity experience. The young Mules are more mature this year and should give a better show this year. Luckily, Muhlenberg has next week off, so they have the opportunity to study tape and improve themselves further before facing the conference newcomers, Susquehanna (0-1, 0-1), in two weeks.



Senior Wide Receiver Bobby Bushong and Linebacker Patrick McDonough are returning starters for the Gridiron Mules.



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record could have arguably landed the Mules a bid for the NCAA Division III Tournament. This season the Mules will be back with a vengeance and ready for action.

Muhlenberg has three more non conference games before they square off with Franklin and Marshall September 19th for their first Centennial Conference match of the season. Their next five games, including the one against Franklin and Marshall (September 8, 11, 15, 19, 25) are all at home. Come out and support the Mules men's soccer team for any or all of these games.



Senior Defenseman Matt Cecconi is the only returning starter on the Mules' Defensive front.

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Mules	0
North Central	3

Mules	0
Endicott	3

Field Hockey

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Susquehanna	1
Mules	0(ot)

Sept. 4

Kean	3
Mules	0

Men's Soccer

Sept. 4

Marywood	0
Mules	5

Sept. 5

Centenary (N.J.)	0
Mules	5

Women's Soccer

Sept. 4

Mules	0
St. Joseph's (N.Y.)	0

Sept. 5

Mules	2
Kean	3

Football

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Delaware Valley	27
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Ten goals, two shutouts for Men's Soccer Team

By JORDAN POSNER
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg fans were out in full force this past weekend, (September fourth and fifth), as Berg hosted Marywood University and Centenary University, respectively in two exhilarating soccer matches. Saturday's game was the season opener for the Mules, and they came out strong with a whopping five to nothing victory. The game stayed tied zero zero until the twenty-fifth minute until Senior Mike Williams took a brilliant pass from Junior Cody Antonini and drilled the ball into the box and scored a goal. Muhlenberg did not look back, scoring two more goals before the end of the half including one from Antonini and another from Junior Josh Luginbuhl. The second half, much like the first was all Antonini who in the fifty-second minute beat two defenders and scored his second goal of the game, which came unassisted. Lastly, to add insult to injury, in the eighty-eighth minute, Sophomore Kenn Anderson beat the Marywood goalie to the ball scoring, and pushing their enormous lead to five. Senior Jason Daniels, the Muhlenberg keeper had an extremely easy day in net as Marywood only recorded two shots. Their extremely impressive performance would carry over into Sunday's match.

Striker Antonini had no problem picking up where he left off, scoring against Centenary just before the seven minute mark. Later on, a string of three goals in four minutes kept the game in favor of the Mules. First, in the twenty-third minute, freshman John Schauer, in his debut as a Mule notched the first goal of his career. In the twenty-fourth minute, Antonini scored yet another goal. Lastly, in the twenty-seventh minute, Senior Mike Williams lined up for a penalty kick and put his shot right where the goalie couldn't get to it. This put Berg up four to nothing at the end of the half. Just one minute after the second half began; Sophomore Danny Way tallied his first goal of the season, giving Muhlenberg another five goal game. Once again Muhlenberg's defense came up strong limiting Centenary to just three shots. Muhlenberg has big shoes to fill this after winning the conference last season but coming up short in the semi-finals of their conference tournament against Dickinson where they lost one to zero. The Centennial Conference plays host to two nationally ranked Division III teams; which include Johns Hopkins at number ten and Swarthmore at number 17. These two matches will be key wins. Last year Muhlenberg was upset by Johns Hopkins 2-1 in a double overtime thriller. In addition, the Swarthmore game ended in a zero to zero tie. They finished 11-4-2 last season and had a 7-1-1 record in the conference. Their



Junior Forward Cody Antonini twice found the back of the net against Centenary University in a Mules 5-0 win.

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Mules season opener serves as tough lesson

By BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Delaware Valley (1-0, 0-0) handled Muhlenberg football (0-1, 0-0) 27-7 under the lights of Scotty Wood Stadium Saturday night. The Mules were out of it after the 10th ranked Aggies pulled away in the second quarter, scoring 20 points unanswered in the quarter.

Muhlenberg won the coin flip but they deferred the kick. Things didn't look good for the Mules when the Aggie returner brought the ball up to the Muhlenberg 44-yard-line on the opening kickoff. On offense, Delaware Valley pushed the ball up to the 25, but the Mules were able to stop them when Junior Cornerback Chris Hartzell batted away the pass, forcing a fourth-and-out. The Mules' offense took the field with Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan at the helm, who was an impressive 4-5 for 34 yards on the opening possession. On 15 plays, the Mules grinded out 50 yards, but were forced to try to get on the board with a 42-yard field goal attempt, but it went far right. The Aggies' ensuing drive stalled and the Mules received the punt on their own 44. The Mules were then stopped themselves after only getting 7 yards. Senior Punter Jason LoPipero booted it out of bounds at the Delaware Valley 27. The Aggies' quarterback connected with his wide receiver on a 21-yard strike as the first quarter came to a close.

On the first play of the second quarter, the Aggies produced another 21-yard completion and were poised to enter Mule territory. The Delaware Valley offense dominated the Muhlenberg Defense and was only forced to one third down, upon which they scored on a 1-yard run up the middle. The PAT was good, and the Aggies were first on the scoreboard.

The Mules were unable to answer on their next possession, but they were able to stop the Aggie offensive. Muhlenberg started the ensuing drive on their own 27. Deighan attempted to scramble, but he was hit and lost the ball. An Aggie defender scooped up the errant ball and rumbled into the end zone, putting Delaware Valley ahead 14-0 after the successful kick.

Two unsportsmanlike penalties forced the Aggies to kickoff from their own 8. A 12-yard return by Junior Returnman J.T. Merklinger gave the Mules the ball on the offensive 48-yard-line. The Muhlenberg offense was again shut down on 3 downs and was forced to punt. The Aggies, with a balanced attack of smashing runs and quick, short passes, manufactured a 17-play, 89-yard touchdown drive. They also were able to take 6-and-a-half minutes off of the clock, giving the Mules only 21 seconds before the whistle. The Mules opted to run out the clock, entering the locker room down 21-0.

The first three possessions of the second half were inconclusive as the two teams

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Sophomore Isaiah Vaughn's consecutive receptions in the 4th Quarter set up the Mules only score.

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Hillel Construction: Can You Dig It?

By SAMANTHA LANGNER
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On a beautiful fall day in 2006,

Dean of Students Karen Green attended her first Shabbat Dinner at Hillel and was overwhelmed when over 300 students joined her. Dean Green quickly learned that this was a weekly occurrence and that there was not nearly enough room in the Hillel House for 300 people, not to mention the fact that it violates several fire codes. As this problem became more apparent and concern grew, Glenn Gerchman, director of Seegers Union, brought in his expertise of overseeing large event.

An expansion of the Hillel House really started coming along when David Rabold, Capital Projects Manager at the College, began working and started meeting with President Helm and other administrators including Director of Hillel, Patti Mittlemen, and current students to brainstorm ideas for a solution to the overcrowding at Hillel. After several discussions it became apparent that an expansion was needed on the Hillel House. Initially, students and Hillel staff were apprehensive to an expansion because, as Mittleman puts it best, "The success of Hillel at Muhlenberg is its home-like, family-like feel." Many thought that an expansion would demolish this home-away-from-home feeling of the Hillel House, but the expansion became unavoidable as students continued to flock to Hillel and more staff was needed.

David Rabold's plan for the construction was to connect the



Hillel construction is well underway! For more pictures of the progress of the expansion, see page 7.

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current Hillel House with the MILE house next door that Hillel used for Shabbat Services, storage, and meetings. The provost at the time, Marjorie Hass, suggested that an academic department could occupy some of the space that Hillel did not need. Therefore, the construction will make the Hillel House and the MILE house into a twin house, where the Sociology/Anthropology department will have their offices and a classroom on the lower level of the building with an entrance on Leh Street, which will be completely separate from Hillel's space. The next step was to hire

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9/11 Remembrance

By ALEXANDER BROTMAN
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

At first, it was looking like no one would show up on the front lawn in front of Haas.

There was an empty podium as the clouds were filling the sky and all you could hear were both the Muhlenberg and American flags rustling in the near-autumn wind. They weren't at half mast, but the air was silent. Then, a little after 4:00 pm, more people showed up, and soon it was an occasion.

Despite the small attendance, made up of a handful of students and some faculty members, the remarks made were very fitting for the day.

President Helm was first to speak, appearing in a state of reflection and speaking in a rather soft voice.

"It's important to remember to recommit ourselves to building bridges," President Helm said. "The task has never been more prevalent."

One student, Dylan White '14, said he "felt obligated" to attend "for the duty of his country," as Helm referenced that the College lost four fellow members of its community on that

somber day.

Samuel Landman '11, Student Body President, spoke as well and echoed some of Helm's thoughts. "As Americans we can rebuild, re-honor and persevere..." he said, adding, "We will always remember their legacy."

As the event drew to a close, people left at their own pace, some staying for a few moments to bow their heads, others choosing to reflect for a little while longer.

The event occurs every year, but since September 11th fell on a Saturday this year, it was decided to be held on Friday at the last minute to attract more people. "The numbers

have gone smaller as years go on," Helm remarked. "More and more people are moving on in their lives and that is somewhat disturbing."

Hopefully next year at the 10-year anniversary there will be a larger group and even more time for reflection. Still, there were plenty of people discussing the events around campus afterwards, something President Helm should feel very proud about.

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Football Offense-ive

The start of school and the fall weather brings with it feelings of warmer clothes, seasonal coffees, and of course the start of football. And what's a nationally recognized sport without a little bit of controversy?

Football season started this past week with a bang, especially on the East Coast. The New York Jets have brought themselves to national attention not for their loss against the Baltimore Ravens, but for conflict inside the locker room.

Ines Sainz, a female sports reporter from Mexico's TV Azteca, was visiting the Jets camp this past weekend in order to do a piece on the quarterback, Mark Sanchez. While watching the team as they practiced, she reportedly fell victim to suggestive comments from players and members of the coaching staff. Additionally, members of the team "accidentally" threw rogue footballs in her direction so they had an excuse to walk by her.

Sainz claims that she does not take offense to what occurred this past weekend, however, the actions of certain individuals of the team, has caused an uproar among the nation. Feminist groups are outraged at this heinous crime of sexism especially in the modern world. Just because football is generally considered a "man's sport" does not mean that it is acceptable for women to feel inferior or targeted because of their gender.

Football has a fan base of both men and women, and in this day and age men and women compete for the same jobs – even if they are traditionally held by men. To be a female sportscaster was once an oxymoron, but now it is a breakthrough for women in the professional world. This recent episode has taken the entire women's movement one step back, undermining the intelligence of a woman who has already had to combat many obstacles to even get to where she is today.

We had hoped that in the world of professional sports, where members are idolized by children and adults alike, that they would be setting a national standard of ethical and equal behavior that we could emulate. Instead, each year they present us with yet another scandal, which causes us to doubt their position as national figures.

The state of human rights

By ALEXANDER BROTMAN
Op/Ed Writer

The number of human rights abuses going on today in the world is staggering. They range from beatings and mass killings to disputes over labor and wage cuts, and

occur in places from France to Bangladesh. Most often when we think of human rights now, we think of Darfur, but Darfur is only one tiny aspect of this global problem. I worked for Amnesty International over the summer in their Northeast Regional Office, and one of the things that struck me is no matter how laws and ordinances change democracies, it is always up to the people, the individual citizens to fully enact them. The greatest problem, for example in South Africa, is the wealth gap, the gap between the extreme rich and the extreme poor. There is almost nothing in between them.

You go to a place like the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire, where all hell has broken loose between tribal leaders and UN peacekeeping missions. Over 400 women were raped in a single weekend, and that isn't even the beginning of the atrocities that have been committed there. Places in South America are still a mess, and believe it or not, we even have issues here. The point is, it is all too easy to forget when you have two wars, a terrible economy, and people losing jobs, that there is a world out there needing our assistance. It is so easy to dismiss these claims and ask, "but what does it have to do with me?" Everyone can contribute in a small way to the security of the world; I truly believe that. The attention has to be brought off of Darfur. All you hear about is Darfur. Darfur is still a major and colossal problem, but there are other countries, who, believe it or not, actually have it worse.

I would urge the conversation to keep flowing on these issues, but we as a country have to address them also. This doesn't have to be in a formal setting with the President giving a speech, but we need to provide more aid. It is these up and coming democracies in places like Africa and South America who are still caught up in turf wars and other conflicts that need our assistance now. Most coups are started after human rights abuses, particularly with journalists breaking that evening news story, and we need to start taking note. I urge everyone to go beyond your normal comfort zone, read some articles (they may be disturbing), join some groups, and get on some e-mail lists. No act is too small to make a difference, and you can start by educating yourself on things that at first might make you a little uncomfortable. Start a conversation with a professor, anything, but make sure you know you've made a difference, because if it doesn't resonate with you, chances are it hasn't resonated with others.

Privilege: Pretentious, Contentious, and Fun



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
Op/Ed Columnist

Last Saturday night, I joined my peers in the Red Door to watch the fifth iteration of the Sedehi Diversity Project Performances. Having seen all but the first iteration, my interest in going to see the performance was just as much ritual as passion for the topic and admiration for those on stage. My article this week is not intended to serve as a critique for this year's Diversity Project, but rather an expansion on the discussion that we had as a group afterwards. This sort of

continued discussion, as explained by those in the performance, is precisely the aim of the Sedehi Diversity Project. Specifically, I want to add to the discussion on how those who are privileged can create positive and humanistic change, or rather what we are doing that fails to do just that.

Before I build my argument, allow me to lay down the foundation. What exactly is privilege? First and foremost, privilege is a terribly pretentious and consequentially contentious word used by academics and activists alike to express their dissatisfaction with the status quo. For operational uses, "privilege" is an undeserved entitlement granted to an agent by an authority beyond that agent's control. This is usually contrasted with "right," which is an inherent, irrevocable entitlement that we generally grant to all human beings as defined by our concept of humanity. While our hallowed Declaration of Independence abstractly states "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" as part of a list of sovereign rights of a human being (I know, it makes me want to gag, as well), privilege has to do with the allocation of the resources required to gain access to those things. Or, as Peggy McIntosh describes it, "privilege exists when one group has something of value that is denied to others simply because of the groups they be-

long to, rather than because of anything they've done or failed to do."

Clearly, all these technical definitions cloud the simple, real-world definition of privilege, that is, choice. We as people (not to use that phrase as to say that there is any understanding of human nature) love the idea of choice or agency. Some say it is given to them from their deity in the form of free will. Others (economists) cannot uphold their assumptions of rational choice without it. We even take different cultures and distinguish them by their unique choices. Structuralists, like me, take too much pride in our ability to point the finger away from the individual's ability to choose their own future and onto other

reasons that make us do the things that we do. Structuralism, often seen in the social sciences, posits that some people have more choice than others, and there is a macrocosmic reason to it all.

I am a white, performing-male, assumed-to-be-straight, agent from an upper-middle class, homogenous town in Connecticut and chose to enroll in a private college in a city where the thought

of violent crimes warrants a hand-signed letter home to my parents. Let's unpack this under the scope of our new, accessible definition of privilege. Being white means that I have the choice of whether or not to care about the fact that there are currently only two Black professors at Muhlenberg. Being a man means that I have the choice of caring about how women still make seventy-seven cents to the average man's dollar. I could go on and on, but you can see that for each of my privileges, I am awarded a choice where others, those who lack my privileges, are not.

Since privilege is essentially one's entitled choice, it seems that if we, the privileged few, simply make the choice to help about

those without privilege, things will all work out. From this ideology, we get all those pretty little groups on campus that indelibly have the noblest of causes. We get the NGO's, the Greek Life-based philanthropies, the fundraisers for the homeless, and most importantly, self-proclaimed activists like me. Unfortunately, al-

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Living gluten-free on campus



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VALERIE PATRIARCA
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Those suffering from Celiac Disease were promised a spot in the brand new campus "restaurant," but to much dismay and weeks of waiting, we still have empty bellies. Celiac Disease affects one in every 133 people in the United States. This number is constantly on the rise due to the substantial increase in the rate of diagnosis over the past decade. So then why is it that barely anyone knows or understands what it is? More importantly, why is it that our own campus dining administration is not actively aware of the dire need for our community to have gluten-free options available?

What does it mean when someone says to you that they have Celiac Disease (CD)? For starters, it means they have an autoimmune disease of the small intestine. An autoimmune disease is a condition where your body overreacts to a substance that it has either ingested or comes into contact with. In regards to individuals with CD, the body cannot tolerate gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley, and rye (yes, no bread, pretzels, cookies, etc). Sadly, due to cross-contamination, oats are also included in the "do not eat" category.

Being "allergic" to gluten is not the same as having an allergy to peanuts or berries. When someone with a peanut allergy has a reaction, they get an instantaneous response, i.e. throat swelling, tongue itching, extreme discomfort (you get the idea). In contrast, when an individual has a gluten allergy, their entire system begins to deteriorate from the instant they come into contact with anything containing gluten and for days, even months later. When an individual with CD comes into contact or digests something that contains gluten, their immune system responds by damaging their small intestine. Villi (which line the interior of the small intestine), are essential to absorbing nutrients into the bloodstream, and are destroyed by the immune system, which then leads to malnutrition.

A Celiac may have symptoms for years without knowing it, symptoms that not only affect their digestive system, but also their mental health, physical strength, and overall well-being. The symptoms for Celiac Disease are so extensive that it is most often misdiagnosed. Another problem is that it affects each individual differently, making symptoms very hard to catch, especially in its early stages.

For example, my symptoms first began when I was nine-years-old. I was brought into for examination because my platelet levels were extremely low for a reason no doctor could understand. That early symptom was practically forgotten until I began to experience other symptoms while in high school. Asthma began, then skin rashes, then female disorders, mixed with an enlarged spine, anemia, you name it. Yet still I was not diagnosed until about three months ago. It took 12 years for a doctor to finally discover the truth behind the pain. 12 years!

There is no cure for CD, you simply must live without gluten. What most people do not understand is that gluten is found in almost everything! It is in the glue on envelopes, it hides out in most

shampoos and hygiene products. Gluten is used in artificial flavoring, ketchup, and even as a filler in lunch meat. If a Celiac wants to have a turkey and cheese sandwich, they have to first either make or buy gluten free bread, then find gluten free turkey.

Living gluten free is not as terrible as it sounds when you are living at home with a full kitchen, but here on campus, being gluten free is merely impossible.

Our current dining facilities on campus are abysmal. A student who has CD cannot survive on what the campus offers alone. There are no gluten free options in GQ, Freshens, Java Joes, or Sandella's. The only area where a Celiac may be able to find something to eat is in the new Campus Restaurant. The options available in our brand new "restaurant" that are designated "gluten free," range from steamed carrots to sautéed vegetables, and that's just about it. It is not possible for someone to live off of, and yet for those suffering, that is all we are being provided?

Someone who has CD cannot eat anything unless it is completely one hundred percent gluten free. This means the salad bar, the grill, and the "action station" are all off limits, even if the food is naturally gluten-free. The upsetting aspect of the entire situation is that even the foods that are said to be "gluten-free" are not due to cross-contamination. The last time I ventured out and ate what the restaurant deemed "gluten-free," the only options available were steamed carrots and

squash. I watched from the line to see whether or not the gluten-free food came into contact with the non-gluten-free selection sitting next to it. On this particular day, mashed potatoes and gravy were being served at the same station. As the woman serving the gluten-free carrots placed a spoonful on one student's plate, she dunked the carrot spoon into the pool of gravy already on the plate. The nice woman serving the carrot, most likely had no idea that she just contaminated all of the carrots, but she did! Now the carrots were inedible.

This may seem extremely trivial to someone who has never experienced, or does not understand this disease. But something as simple as that can make someone extremely ill for days. I decided to try the squash because I was famished, hoping that maybe it had not suffered the same cross-contamination fate, but sadly and painfully, I spent three nights in bed sick to my stomach.

I had yet to go back to the Campus Restaurant, until today. As I walked in, ready to give the whole dining experience another chance, what did I find? Not ONE gluten-free option. Not one vegetable steamed, nor a sliver of chicken designated gluten-free. In the ENTIRE restaurant, there was not one thing that a Celiac could eat. Why is it that our old, outdated cafeteria dedicated an entire section to gluten-free dining, but now our new, extremely expensive "restaurant" cannot even offer one single option? What a disappointment.

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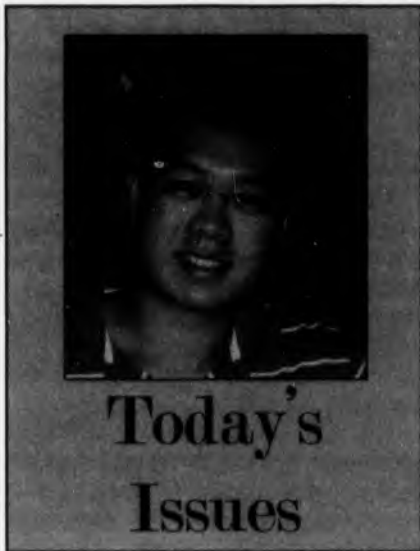
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these groups are outwardly mitigating the injustices that we see around the world, they are in fact reinforcing their privilege. Sadly, in our attempts to "give up" our undeserved entitlement, we are creating a structure of difference; we dichotomize "us and them" where only we can make the choice to save the world.

Imagine privilege like a ladder. It's a fairly sturdy structure, at least sturdy enough for us to bet our lives on it. The ladder is purposed for climbing to the top and consequently is positioned vertically; allowing people to crawl up the ladder with hard work and self-determination (cue in the "American Dream" propaganda reel). As you can guess, two people cannot exist simultaneously at the exact same point on the ladder without falling off; therefore, most of us see the need to push and shove to create our safe niche and hold on for dear life. A few of us look up and down the ladder and realize a problem: structural hierarchy. Understanding how screwed up this ladder-system is, we think that we can simply give up our space on the ladder and "voila!" we are good samaritans and better than everyone else on the ladder who refused to give up their position. We then veil our eyes from the inevitable, that is, someone taking that vacant spot and reinforcing the idea that the top is the best. We used our ability, dare I say privilege, to move down the ladder to be with those who "need" us. Our naïveté has not dismantled the ladder, simply made us feel warm and fuzzy inside.

As Harry Brod wrote about gender privilege, "there is no such thing as giving up one's privilege to be 'outside' the system. The only question is whether one is part of the system in a way which challenges or strengthens the status quo." It's time to stop trying to "give up" our privilege. It's time to start subverting the structure to which we all unavoidably subscribe.

Rule #1: No Friendly Fire!



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When we hear the phrase "friendly fire" it usually doesn't conjure up a good feeling. Friendly fire is typically used in military terms, but it can also be used to describe the same phenomenon in the non-military world. The political landscape over the last couple of elections and the period leading up to the 2010 midterm elections have seen many instances of political friendly fire. Perhaps the most obvious and media-centered examples involve conflict between moderate and more conservative Republicans.

Political friendly fire among Republicans has become a problem during primaries all over the country and on different levels of government. All too often news stories report strong Republican candidates and incumbents being boot-ed out in shocking upsets by so-called "true" conservatives. This was certainly the case with a group many of us may have heard about, the Club for Growth, and is going on now with the ever expanding Tea Party movement. These two conservative groups advocate low taxes and minimal government intervention,

two principles shared by the Republican Party.

The "true" or staunchly right wing of the party refers to themselves as the only real conservatives of America. They not only target Democrats, but Republicans as well. It is pretty obvious why these groups would go after Democrats and liberals, but why on earth would they sabotage their own? Primaries leading up to the 2008 election and ones leading up to this year's election have shown a startling degree of civil war, as some call it, within the ranks of GOP.

Two examples prior to this year's GOP primaries of true conservative candidates winning their primaries and going on to losing the general elections are Doug Hoffman in New York and Steve Pearce in New Mexico. It isn't necessary to go into great detail, but the gist is that these two fit the Tea Party mold as opposed to their primary challengers who were phony conservatives, and lost the general elections to Democrats.

Let's turn to some more relevant examples of the battle between the Republican Party and the Tea Party movement. The whole Toomey vs. Specter episode was one of the earlier primary battles of this election cycle. Pat Toomey, the conservative candidate, and Arlen Specter (D-PA), the more moderate candidate, were stuck in a heated fight for the Republican nomination for the US Senate in Pennsylvania back in 2009. Throughout the race many Republicans, including myself, pushed for Specter and worked to have him win the nomination. Specter backers weren't turning their backs on conservative principles and were not Democrats disguised as Republicans. Not only was Sen. Specter an experienced member of the Senate but he

was the most electable candidate at the time. His moderate and bipartisan attitude in the Senate was not a threat and didn't seem to threaten his ability to represent the state of Pennsylvania. Specter was able to attract votes from all parties, and most likely some independent voters. Once Toomey and the right wing movement arrived and set their sights on unseating Specter, he made the party switch and eventually lost in that primary. This case actually turned out to be a success and is likely to be a Toomey victory in the general election, but banking on other states to have a similar outlook for Tea Party-endorsed candidates is not wise.

Electability is the key to electoral success. If the Republicans are striving to attain majorities in both the House and Senate, then they need to have quality candidates out on the campaign trail. What do I mean by quality candidates? Candidates that know their constituencies and that appeal to their constituents are necessary. Every state and every district is unique and quite different in its

makeup and political tendencies from the rest. As a result of the great variety in constituencies, the Republican party (and the Democrats for that matter) must include an equally diverse group of candidates no matter how moderate or hard-core they are. Certain states and

districts are clearly more conservative than others. Running Tea Party affiliated candidates and outspoken conservatives in the South and areas of the Midwest don't seem out of the ordinary, and in fact they would probably do quite well. This is not so in the Northeast and West coast. The Tea Party movement and ultra-conservative wing of the GOP have almost no shot in winning major politi-

cal office, and frankly come across as beligerent and radical. Understanding each regions political climate is the first step in developing a sound strategy for victory. Adaptability should play a part in all elections. Having an electable candidate can turn an otherwise bleak political situation into a possible victory.

Those on the Tea Party side of the debate should realize that a moderate, centrist Republican running in New York or Massachusetts isn't necessarily a liberal at heart nor is he or she a sellout. What good does booting a candidate with a potential to win, however narrow a win, in favor of a real conservative do? It does one thing for sure, give the seat to the Democrats. Bringing majorities back to Congress and other levels of government is the winning strategy that Republicans and conservatives should be looking for, not blindly sticking to their guns and acting high and mighty by refusing to cave in.

There are a series of primaries occurring this week for the Republican Senate candidates in Delaware, New York, and New Hampshire. One of these primary contests has attracted media attention because of a battle occurring between Rep. Mike Castle, a moderate Republican, and Christine O'Donnell, the candidate endorsed by the Tea Party. Hopefully the Tea Party movement and hype they have caused throughout the country won't lead to a Castle defeat because Castle appears to be the most electable candidate of the two when it comes to the general election. Castle has been a well known Congressman and Delaware has two Democratic Senators.

The best winning strategy for the Republican Party for this November will be to have the best candidates for each district and state. A campaign season with minimal Tea Party activists will not only allow better candidates to succeed, but also increase the possibility for the GOP to cross party lines and attract other voters.

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Not everything is black and white...

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an architect, so the College decided on Spillman Framar architectural firm, who has done great work for the College in the past including the Life Sports Center. In the end, Muhlenberg hired Irwin & Leighton to do the construction because of their outstanding work on many college campuses, such as Princeton. The construction began in the spring and is slated to be completed for the fall 2011 semester. Construction is well under way, leaving the Hillel House very chaotic, with all the student workers working in one office and having to constantly rearrange everything in the house. For example, last week there was a spur of the moment ice cream party when the Hillel staff was told they were losing the freezer where they store their ice cream!

The expansion of the Hillel House will include many new features. First, the house will finally have enough room for all Shabbat Dinners attendees to sit in the same room. The dining room will seat 300 people. Next, Hillel be able to hold their own services in a brand new sanctuary. Mittleman comments that she is "most excited about the Student Leadership Suite that will have space available for students 24/7 to meet, create, and plan programs that they believe will enrich Jewish life on campus. At the heart of Hillel are its students--the future of the Jewish people."

There is only one part of the construction left to discuss: How will Hillel retain

its "homey-ness" that attracts over 300 people on a weekly basis? This is the exact reason why the Hillel staff was hesitant to go ahead with the expansion in the first place. However, once they realized that the expansion was unavoidable, the Hillel staff made it their goal to ensure that all students still wanted to call Hillel their home-away-from-home. Mittleman stayed committed to this goal and ensured that Glenn Gerchman, David Rabold, Blaine Summit (the architect), and Joanne Titcomb (the interior designer from Spillman Farmer) were made aware of the vibe that the house was going for. Summit was a little worried at first because as he put it, "No one has a home with a dining room for 300," but he and Titcomb were able to work it out by paying special attention to the details such as height of ceilings, and lighting and bathroom fixtures.

Titcomb and Summit also had the help of the Student Transition Team, which includes Justin Black '13, Elissa Danielpour '13, Jonathan Landau '12, David Schutzbank '12, Catherine Schwartz '11, and Taylor Gold '12. The Student Transition Team and Dan Feldman '11, the Hillel Presidential Assistant, have all attended meetings with the contractors and subcontractors so that there is always a student voice at the table as decisions are made. According to Mittleman, "they, along with everyone involved in the project, are committed to keeping the Hillel the 'home-away-from-home' that it has always been."

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Off-Campus: "Don't ask, don't tell" ruled unconstitutional

By CHRISTOPHER MAHER
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

A District Judge ruled Thursday that the policy forbidding homosexuals from openly serving in the military, commonly known as "don't ask, don't tell," was unconstitutional. Judge Virginia Phillips of the US District Court for the Central District Court of California found that the policy violated service member's First and Fifth Amendment rights. She added that the policy also violated the substantive due process rights of service members as it limited their "autonomy of self" as established by the 2003 Supreme Court ruling *Lawrence v. Texas*, which overturned state sodomy statutes.

The suit was filed by the Log Cabin Republicans, an organization within the Republican Party that lobbies for LGBT rights, back in 2004. They charged that the policy violated the rights of due process, freedom of speech, and association.




Judge Phillips stated at the outset of the trial that she would be applying intermediate scrutiny, meaning that "don't ask, don't tell" must be necessary for the furtherance of an "important" governmental interest which cannot be accomplished otherwise.

The suit comes at a time of growing opposition towards the policy. Important figures within the military leadership, such as Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Michael Mullen, have voiced their support of repealing the statute. President Obama has also stated his opposition to the policy, and included its repeal in his presidential campaign.

Following on the heels of the suit is the case of Margaret Witt, an Air Force Major who was dismissed in 2007 after a civilian woman disclosed that they had an intimate relationship. Witt's case was dismissed and then reinstated on appeal in 2008; her new trial began Monday.

Regardless of the decision Thursday, the Pentagon remarked that no service members discharged under the policy would be reinstated.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 67 Low: 54	High: 76 Low: 54	High: 83 Low: 58

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 6 – Suspicious Person – On Chew St., there was a report of a suspicious person. The individual was trying to access the College WiFi. A Campus Safety officer spoke with the identified individual. There was no further incident.

Sept. 6 – Found Property – In Ettinger, there was a report of found money. The money was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Sept. 6 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found iPod. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Sept. 6 – Institutional Vandalism – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of broken fire extinguisher glass. Housekeeping was notified to respond. A work order was submitted to replace the glass. The individuals were spoken to and the incident was found to be unintentional.

Sept. 7 – Attempted Forcible Entry – Off campus, the Department of Campus Safety received a report of an attempted entry of an off campus house in the 400 block of 22nd St. occupied by students. The reported incident is believed to have occurred between midnight and 7:00 am. There are no suspects at this time. The suspect was unable to gain entry. The incident has been reported to the Allentown Police Department for investigation. The Department of Campus Safety recommends using exterior lights, deadbolts, and keeping windows secured, especially the windows located on ground and first floor levels. All students are reminded to keep exterior doors and room doors secured, especially when unoccupied. Please report any suspicious people or activities to Campus Safety. If you are uncertain of an individual at your door, please verify their identification before letting them inside or contact the police to investigate.

Sept. 7 – Flames/Smoke Visible – In the Brown mall, there was a report of smoke and burning mulch. Campus Safety officers arrived and extinguished the area with a hose. There was no further incident. Individuals are advised to extinguish cigarettes and dispose of them properly.

Sept. 7 – Point of Information – On campus, there was an

information report regarding the outcome of a raffle.

Sept. 7 – Injured Employee – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of an injured visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and a Campus Safety officer transported the individual to the hospital.

Sept. 7 – Smoke/Burning Odor – On Chew St., there was a report of mulch smoking. An officer put out the smoke. There was no further incident. Individuals are advised to extinguish cigarettes and dispose of them properly.

Sept. 7 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center fieldhouse, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 8 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2243 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 8 – Found Property – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found backpack. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The bag was placed in the evidence locker. Inside the bag, stems from marijuana were found in a glass jar.

Sept. 8 – Lost Property – In Parents Plaza, there was a report of a lost wallet and keys.

Sept. 8 – Found Property – In the back drive, there was a report of found checks made out to a student. Several attempts were made to contact the student all of which were unsuccessful. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 8 – Suspicious Activity – In Trexler Library, there was a report of suspicious activity. A non-student was moving from computer to computer to utilize additional devices. The individual was spoken to and left the building without

incident.

Sept. 8 – Disorderly Conduct – At the President's House (339 Leh St.), there was a report of a student found jumping over the fence. The student was spoken to and identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 9 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found credit card. Several attempts were made to contact the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

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item.

Sept. 9 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. An email was sent to notify the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 9 – Harassment – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of a harassing note left on a door. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 9 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was not transported to the hospital.

Sept. 9 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – Off campus, there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, students were spoken to and told of the Disruptive Conduct

Policy. A warning was issued. There was no further incident.

Sept. 9 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found credit card. The owner was notified to pick up the item. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 9 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 9 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Prosser parking lot, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident involving a Muhlenberg College vehicle.

Sept. 10 – Found Property – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found sweatshirt. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 10 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found Muhlenberg College ID card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at Campus Safety.

Sept. 10 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found purse. There were several attempts made to contact the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 10 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, a reporting party turned in a found student ID. The owner was notified and will pick up the card.

Sept. 10 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 10 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2202 Gordon St., there

was another report of a fire alarm sounding. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 10 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 316 N. 26th St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 10 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found camera. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Sept. 10 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found credit card. The owner later picked up the item.

Sept. 10 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID card. Attempts were made to notify the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 10 – Sick Student – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 10 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a student found with a marijuana pipe. The item was taken and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 11 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 11 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID. Attempts were made to notify the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 11 – Found Property – On Albright St., there was a report of a found insurance card on the street. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Sept. 11 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The

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system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 11 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 11 – Check the Welfare/ Locate – In the back drive, the welfare of a student was checked. Alcohol was involved. A Campus Safety officer spoke with the individual who was leaving campus with a friend.

There was no further incident. Sept. 12 – Disruptive Conduct – Off campus, there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Officers cleared the house and residents will be issued a Disruptive Conduct Report by the City of Allentown and Muhlenberg College. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 12 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – Off campus, there was a report of drug possession per Allentown Police Department. The item was confiscated by Allentown Police Department and the student

was arrested for Possession of Marijuana. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 12 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 319 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The Allentown Fire Department responded.

The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. Allentown Fire Department responded. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 12 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found cell phone. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Sept. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 12 – Vandalism to Vehicle – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. The rear window was smashed. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 13 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of found sweatshirts. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

A peek at the Hillel construction

Upper right: Work preparation begins behind the current Hillel House.

Lower right: Construction is moving along nicely on the new structure.

Lower left: The walls start to go up!



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Life!

"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?"

-Vincent van Gogh

Fool's Proof Theatre Presents FREE Performance: *Je Suis Dead*

BY KELSEY HUTCHISON
LIFE WRITER

Fool's Proof Theatre, an award winning international touring company, will appear at the College Tues., Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. in Baker Theatre to present a one night, eighty minute,

FREE performance of *Je Suis Dead*.

Straight from the United Kingdom and based in Liverpool, Fool's Proof Theatre really is an international company, founded in 2005 by Ben Phillips, of the United Kingdom, Britt Jurgensen of Germany, and Mary Pearson of the United States. Fool's Proof Theatre creates and performs devised work, and promotes theatre as an approachable and evolving medium, linking international artists of all disciplines. *Je Suis Dead* is the company's second chapter in a proposed trilogy exploring identity and the invisible ties that bind us all.

The plot of *Je Suis Dead* is simple yet perplexing. Three very different modern day characters are brought together in an unlikely combination by a single traumatic experience: a near fatal train crash that interrupts their once ordered lives. Emily, a primary school teacher with a naive outlook on life, quickly discovers the harsh realities of the world. James, a competent businessman, has suddenly has control of things that he once took for granted. And Helen, a quiet office worker who keeps to herself, suddenly becomes aware of life's many vibrant opportunities.

More potent than post-traumatic stress disorder, this unifying experience brings out an astonishing ability; it unlocks a sixth sense embedded within the heredity and bloodlines of each of the characters. Suddenly, all three characters relive and explore chapters in their families' histories and travel back through generations to unlock the secrets of their own identities.

Or do they? First they must wind their way through a twisted puzzle that becomes even more confusing as the three pasts quickly become entangled. Emily, James, and Helen are faced with the possibility of losing all grasp

of reality and of themselves.

Does history repeat? Is it possible to relive the experiences of your relatives? Could all of your ancestors' memories and secrets be locked within your very blood, waiting for you to relive or rediscover them through self-exploration? And if you are only the compilation of your heredity, is it even possible to be an individual? These are all tantalizing questions that *Je Suis Dead* teases out of the characters' consciousnesses.

With a dynamic soundscape and aesthetic lighting *Je Suis Dead* is a mind-bending, humorous comedy, chock full of strong visual imagery, powerful emotions, and bizarre humour. It is a thought-provoking exploration of identity, reality, and the interconnectedness of life.

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Unlocking the past in *Je Suis Dead*

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As part of its programming for the campus community the Theatre & Dance Department hosts guest artists throughout the school year to bring their experience and talents to the College's stage. Fool's Proof Theatre brings a unique approach to storytelling and a unique story to tell.

Because of subject matter, *Je Suis Dead* is recommended for mature audiences. Admission is FREE and doors open at 7:30 pm on Tues., Sept. 21st. No reservations are necessary. Please come with an open mind and allow yourself to experience this story performed one night only!

Department of Theatre & Dance Announces the 2010-2011 Season

BY DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE WORKSTUDY

This Theatre & Dance season is defined by the word variety; from comedy, to dance, to Shakespeare, to a beloved musical, this year's season really can't be described by any other word.

Polaroid Stories, a play blending classical mythology with urban street life, will open the season running from Oct 6-10.

Following that is *The Pajama Game*, the beloved Broadway musical including memorable song and dance numbers to such classics as "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway", and will run Oct 29-Nov 7 during parent's weekend. This production really demonstrates the dexterity and collaboration of the Department's students as the musical features a remarkably large cast of both Theatre and Dance majors.

The first dance concert, *Moving Stories* will run Nov 18-20 and will feature eleven student choreographers who will embrace dance as storytelling, using narration in human form to interpret the world around them.

The Last Days of Judas Iscariot, a hilarious reenactment of Judas' final days on earth, will run Dec 1-5 and will be the last main stage before winter break.

This year's season can be defined as both memorable and full of variety.

The department will begin the new year with the prestigious faculty dance concert *Master Choreographers*, which will run Feb. 10-12. This innovative concert will feature work by guest artists Nick Leichter, who will recreate a fierce and snazzy jazz excerpt from his work *The Whiz*, Trinette Singleton, a protégé of ballet icon Robert Joffrey who will be creating a ballet piece on pointe, and Nicole Wolcott, who will be creating a fun piece exploring the concept of numbers.

La Dispute, an elegant and erotic play about a psychological and philosophical experiment, will continue the theatre season running Feb 24-27.

Shakespeare will sweep the mainstage Mar 31-Apr 3 with *The Tempest*. A classic historical play that the cast will explore and recreate.

Apr 14-17 *Dance Emerge*, a diverse and eclectic combination of student choreographed works will end the dance season.

The theatre season will conclude Apr 28-May 1 with *Orlando*, a play by Virginia Woolf that will explore and blend the lines between gender, identity, and love.

With the variety of this year's season there truly is something to engage and explore for everyone. It is possible to find another word to describe the season: memorable.

The beginning of a new chapter of "Living Writers": Monique Truong

By AMY DeNITTO
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Every three years, the English Department brings six well-known or emerging writers to campus as part of their "Living Writers" course.

Students enrolled in the course read a work by the author, usually the most recent work, and discuss it as a group. After the class has finished the book, the author comes to campus to meet with the students, to answer questions, and to do a public reading. Dr. Alec Marsh and Professor Linda Miller created this course in 1994.

This fall, the seventh of the course is team-James Bloom and Prof. students meet once a week lecture or Q&A sections, up into three smaller for discussion with one professors. The class of a mix of English minors, Creative Writing and interested students outside of the department. The department did not put a cap on the number of students who could enroll so as many people as possible could get this valuable experience.

Monique Truong, the first author in the series, came to campus Mon. Sept. 13. Truong's first novel, *The Book of Salt*, was a national best seller and was honored as a New York Times Notable Fiction Book, among many other citations and awards. The students in "Living Writers" read Truong's second novel, *Bitter in the Mouth*, which was released earlier this month. *Bitter in the Mouth* features a narrator, Linda, with a condition called auditory/gustatory synesthesia, which causes her to taste words. Throughout the novel, Linda reveals secrets about herself and her family to the reader, while discovering more about herself along the way. Students in "Living Writers" had the opportunity to join Truong for an

"It is an opportunity to expand your horizons and meet writers that are actually alive."

incarnation taught by Dr. Miller. All together for and split sections of the two consists majors or minors,



Monique Truong

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informal lunch Mon., Sept. 13.

All three sections of "Living Writers" joined together in the Miller Forum to ask Truong questions about her second novel, *Bitter in the Mouth*, and later that evening, students joined with other members of the campus and local community to hear Truong read selections from her new novel. A reception and a book signing followed the reading. The reception was an opportunity for students and faculty to mingle and discuss the novel with the author.

The next author in the series will be poet Matthea Harvey, who will do a reading on Wed., Sept. 29 at 7pm in Miller Forum. This reading is open to the public and all students are encouraged to attend. It is an opportunity to expand your horizons and meet writers that are actually alive rather than dead. Other authors coming to campus this semester as part of this course include Russell Banks,

Sarah Vowell, Art Spiegelman, and Alan Michael Parker.

Each author participates in a Q&A session with the students and a public reading, reception, and book signing. In addition, a member of the English faculty interviews each author on the campus radio station, WMUH.

Past participating authors include David Sedaris, Jonathan Frazen, Gary Snyder, Adrienne Rich, Francine Prose, Galway Kinnell, Robert Pinsky, Michael Ondaatje, and Phillip Levine.

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Love at the 'Berg

BY LOVE SCOOPER

The College is recognized for a lot of great things. It is noted for its strong academics, its amazing theatre program, and many other wonderful facets. The one attribute that is unknown is the different kinds of love that are seen amongst the students.

At first, one would think that this school would be "cliquey" because it is so small (it is only a little bigger than most high schools), and in small schools cliques usually do form. Despite this stereotype, Muhlenberg students disprove the status quo by showing that friendships can form anywhere, even at the smallest institutions.

I initially noticed this phenomenon on my way to the Life Sports Center. I observed two girls wearing workout shirts with different Greek letters walking hand-in-hand with their yoga pants, iPods, and Nike shoes. They looked like they were best friends, yet they were a part of two different sororities. I didn't know it was possible for girls from different sororities to be best friends until I arrived at the College because sororities are normally depicted as "exclusive".

This past Saturday, otherwise known as bid day in the Greek world, I watched as all four sororities gathered in their clumps on the lawn in front of Moyer, chanting and celebrating the incoming pledge class. It wasn't long before the clumps started to break up and girls wearing various color shirts with different Greek letters started to embrace one another and take pictures together.

It was a celebration for everyone that day and it didn't matter what sorority they were representing because everyone felt the love flowing from all different directions that day. Love transcends Greek letters.

At the College there are a lot of passionate people. Students are especially passionate about their religion. Hillel is a Jewish student organization filled with enthusiastic and hardworking people. It is the largest organization on campus, and it is an asset to the community. Hillel members run philanthropic events such as Challah for Hunger, where they get together to bake bread and sell it on campus to raise money to fight hunger.

Everyone on campus bonds over this bread because it is delicious; sometimes they even bake bread with chocolate chips in it. This addition makes it even better, especially for students like me who have a sweet tooth. Hillel is most known on campus for being warm and welcoming to everyone who goes to the Hillel house for an event. As a freshman, I often found myself going there for Shabbat dinner and on Saturday nights for dessert to make delicious s'mores.

The best part about it is that I am not even Jewish. I am Roman Catholic and attend mass at the Lutheran Church every Sunday night at nine, but I am still able to attend functions at the Hillel house and feel as if I am a member. They are a kind group of people who let everyone into their home. If you are looking to do laundry, they allow you to do your laundry there for free. If you are looking for a snack, but don't necessarily want to go to the GQ or Campus Restaurant to use swipes or dining dollars, the Hillel kitchen is always open and filled with delicious snacks. The other day a friend brought over fruit roll-ups and other goodies for me from the Hillel house.

Not only is there a strong Jewish community on campus, but there is also a strong Christian group on campus. Whenever I go to church on Sunday night all of the pews are filled with students eager to pray and find peace even if it is only for an hour. It is beautiful to watch different groups of people worship together. You will find that athletes dress up in button down shirts and khaki pants and that girls will dress up in pretty skirts and shirts to show respect for their beliefs.

What is great about this group is that they are also welcoming of all people. Everyone is invited to the weekly Catholic dinner on Wednesday nights at the Newman Center, and there is a group of people who get together every week and have Bible readings. All of these religious groups have an open door policy and encourage everyone to attend regardless of their faith. This proves that religion is not a factor when it comes to friendships. Love transcends religion.

The most obvious love is seen between couples that attend Muhlenberg. Normally, I would label acts of public affection as cheesy or corny, but when I see small acts of adoration I can't avoid smiling. For example, sometimes I will see young beaux holding the door open for their belles. It is refreshing to know that chivalry is indeed not dead.

Another example of affection I have witnessed around Muhlenberg's campus occurs during the breaks in between classes when young men will carry their girlfriend's books or hold their hands as they escort them to class. This is only a small sample of the affection that occurs between couples at Muhlenberg.

From Greek life, to religion, to relationships it is apparent that love is in the air and shows no discrimination at Muhlenberg. This article proves that there are all types of love that exist and you just have to put yourself out there to find it. As Francois Mucuric says, "No love, no friendship, can cross the path of our destiny without leaving some mark on it forever."

AMC Weekend Listings



Alpha and Omega

Fri. 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
Sat. 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:20

Devil

Fri. 4:30, 6:50, 9:20
Sat. 4:30, 6:50, 9:20
Sun. 2:20, 4:30, 6:50

Easy A

Fri. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:40, 5:15, 8:00

Going the Distance

Fri. 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:40

Resident Evil

Fri. 4:40, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 1:50, 4:40, 7:50

The American

Fri. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Sept. 16

1) Alumni in the Spotlight: Careers on Wall Street from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Recital Hall in the CA

Fri. Sept. 17

1) Meditation Group from 5:00pm-6:00pm at the Trexler Library.

2) Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Hillel house

2) Muhlenberg Ice Hockey Season Opening Game from 8:15pm-10:00pm at the Rink at Lehigh Valley

3) Karaoke from 10:00pm-1:00am at the Red Door

4) Multicultural Center's End of Year celebration from 2:00pm-9:00pm in the Multicultural Center

Sat. Sept. 18

1) Volley Ball Game from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Memorial

Hall/Field House

2) Football Game from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Scotty Wood Stadium/Marino Field

3) Women's Soccer Game from 1:30pm-3:30pm at Varsity field

4) Volley Ball Game from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Memorial Hall/Field House

5) Musician Mark Rust from 10:00pm-12:00am in Seegers Lobby

Sun. Sept. 19

1) Chapel Worship Service from 1:00pm-2:00pm at the Egner Chapel

2) Roman Catholic Mass from 9:00pm-10:00pm at Egner Chapel

3) Zumba Class is from 6:45pm-8:00pm at Life Sports Center

Fall Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on October 15th at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on October 19th at 10:00 a.m. (There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ♦ Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with **written** permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Friday, October 1st. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine.

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What is your favorite thing about Muhlenberg College this semester?



"My favorite thing about Muhlenberg this semester is how the shuttle is free!"

-Torie Paone '13



"Becoming more involved in extra-curriculors and having intellectually stimulating classes."

- Kaitlin Correnti '13



"Meeting new people through my different classes and new extra-curricular activities."

- Lindsey Quentin '13



"Getting back into the swing of things and seeing all of my friends again."

- Emily Ancona '13



"The new dining hall."

-Sierra Bodisch '13

Courtesy of Kelsey Hutchison

Upcoming Schedule

CROSS COUNTRY

Sat. 18 Dickinson Long/Short Meet

FOOTBALL

Sat. 18 @ Susquehanna 1:00

JV FOOTBALL

Mon. 20 Delaware Valley

FIELD HOCKEY

Fri. 17 Washington (MD) 5:00

Tue. 21 Moravian 7:30

MEN'S GOLF

Thr. 16 Moravian Fall Invitational

Sun. 19 Guy W. Kuhn Invitational (Allegheny)

Mon. 20 Guy W. Kuhn Invitational (Allegheny)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sat. 18 @ McDaniel 12:30

MEN'S SOCCER

Sun. 19 Franklin & Marshall 5:00

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Sat. 18 TCNJ Lions Fall Kick-Off

Sun. 19 TCNJ Lions Fall Kick-Off

MEN'S TENNIS

Sun. 19 Mule Fall Classic 9:00

VOLLEYBALL

Sat. 18 @ McDaniel 12:30

Wed. 22 Stevens 6:00

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Cross Country starts the season on a fast foot

BY GIL M. SCHPERO
SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg's men and women cross country teams opened up the season with a strong start this past

Friday! Both teams placed 4th at the Lehigh Valley Championships, hosted by Lehigh. Junior Bobby Torphy, who came in sixth place and was the first Division III runner across the line, led the men's team. The women's team placed first out of the four Division III schools at the meet, led by junior Kate Mahoney (second among Division III athletes), who finished in 11th place. They were only out placed by Division I and II schools Lehigh, Lafayette, and Kutztown.

It is also a great start for Kelly Curry, returning for a second year as an Assistant Coach to both cross country teams, and David Bracetty, Muhlenberg's new cross country coach. You may have heard of him already since he was an assistant coach to the Muhlenberg track and field teams this past spring, working with the mid-distance runners. He replaces Will Elson, who left to become a graduate assistant at East Stroudsburg University after three years of coaching at Muhlenberg.

Coach Bracetty brings a lot of experience into his new position. Previously, he was a track and field runner for East Stroudsburg and was named a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete. Following his graduation from East Stroudsburg in 2008, he earned his Level One USATF Coaching Certification and was an assistant cross country coach at William Allen High

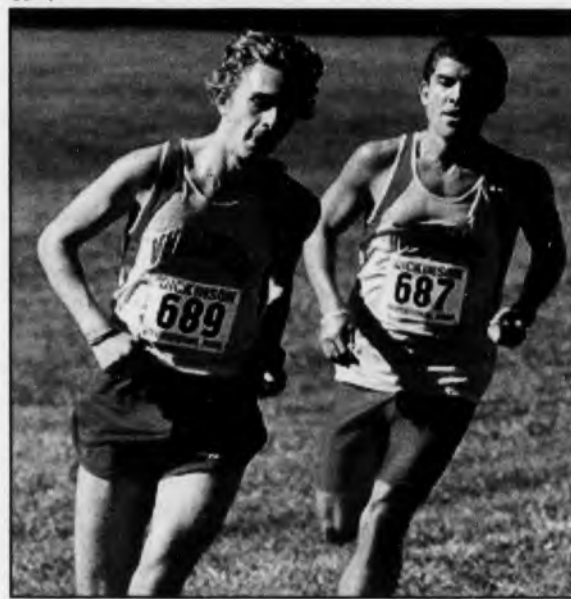
School that fall. Additionally, Bracetty is a freelance photographer for running magazines such as Runner's World and Trackshark.com, to name a few, and has served as a public relations assistant at the Reebok Grand Prix, Millrose Games, and Penn Relays.

Both teams will face the challenge of upholding their solid reputation, after having won the Mule/Falcon Classic Homemeet. Even more impressive though, both teams had athletes that set school records and that placed very high in meets above Division I and II teams. However, facing the challenge should be of no concern for either team. Two of the top male runners graduated this past spring, but the remaining strong group of male runners, senior Patrick Thornton, juniors Bobby Torphy (who led the men's team on Friday), Rob Nihen, and Ryan Wilson, sophomore Steven Monteleone, will carry the team forward.

Luckily, the women's team did not lose any seniors but has welcomed six new freshmen. The team has noteworthy returning talent in juniors Kate Mahoney, Kim Bier, Abby Simons, and in sophomore Melissa Ugelow. As junior cross country runner Kate Mahoney puts it, "With six new freshmen, we have a very young team but everyone is very committed, wants to do well and maintains high expectations. While we only have one sophomore and no seniors, making the bulk of the team freshmen and juniors, we are a solid set of runners allowing experience and young talent to mix." She also adds, "I know I am excited for this season and the

potential it holds and I think we're all stepping in the right direction to make the season a memorable one."

Both Muhlenberg teams will be running in the Dickinson Long/Short Meet on Saturday, September 19th.



Above: Brendan Smith (left) and Bobby Torphy (right) finish strong at the LV Championships.

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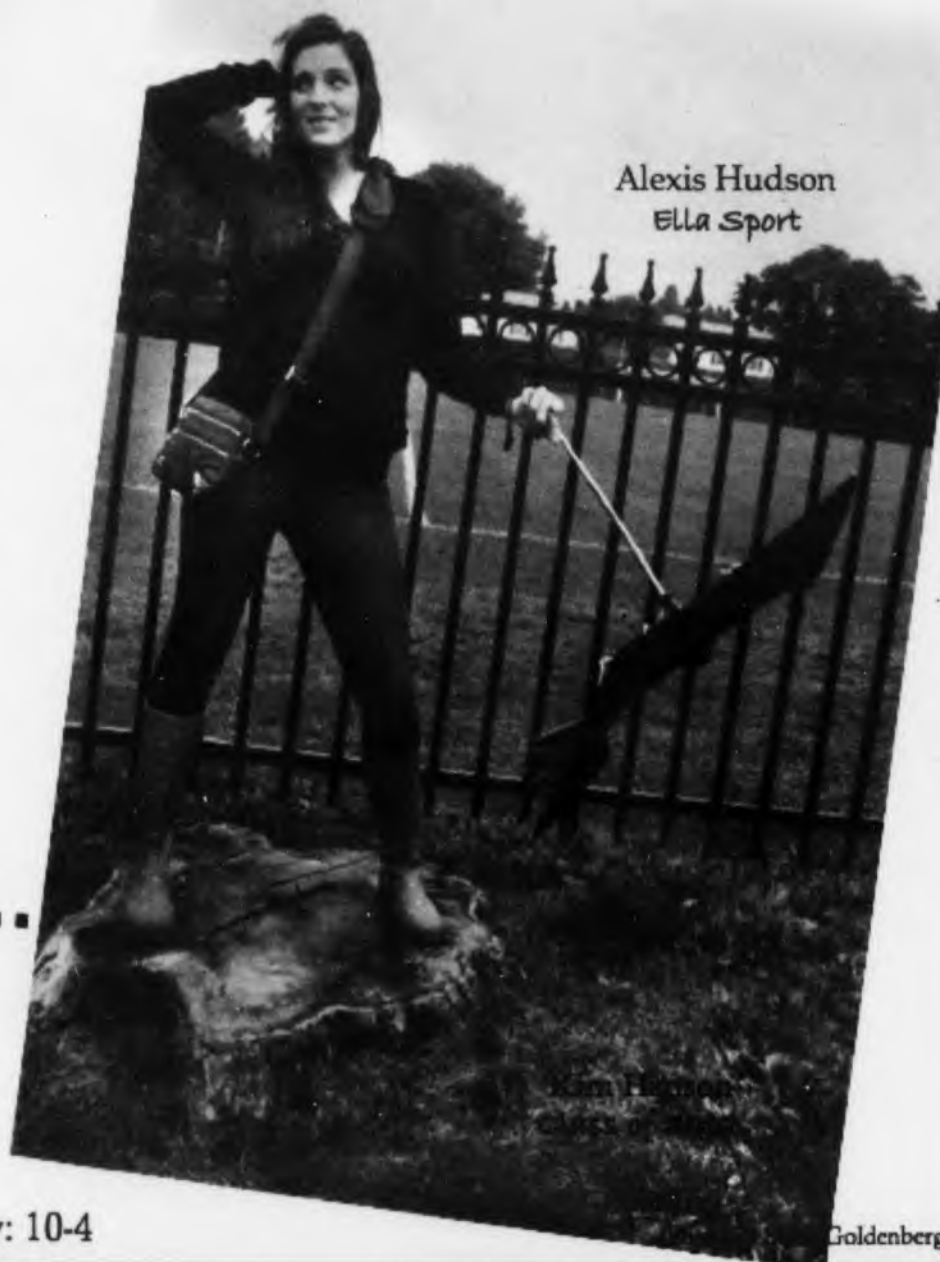
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Brothers of Delta Tau Delta endure Navy SEALs training for charity

BY JOHN WENTWORTH
SPORTS WRITER

On Sunday, Sept. 12, four members of the on-campus fraternity Delta Tau Delta participated in the Navy Seal Tri-Challenge. Teams of four signed into the event's location in Egypt, PA at 6:00 a.m. and proceeded to commit their next few hours to an intense "day in the life of a Navy SEALs" simulation. The events consisted of an hour's worth of physical training, a four mile team run, and a grueling obstacle course to top it all off.

Over six thousand dollars were raised by the event for the Naval Special Warfare Foundation's "Education with a Foundation" scholarship. The team of Deltas, consisting of Seniors Sean Davies, Ben Hubbard, Brian Mahoney, and Junior Ray Fritz, raised \$350 through generous donations. Their philanthropic efforts benefitted the "Education with a Foundation" scholarship, which was created to pay in full for the education of children of fallen Navy SEALs that died while serving their country.

Physical training kicked off at 7:00 a.m. and without fail, the rain came down hard. Teams went through a full body workout including sit-ups, push-ups and leg lifts in terrible weather conditions.



Top, From Left: Seniors Mahoney, Hubbard, Junior Fritz, and Senior Davies upon completion of the SEALs event.

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"We were cold, wet, and tired." Said Fritz, "The rain really added to the whole experience of really seeing what Navy SEALs have to go through." With their T-shirts soaked through, the teams ran four miles just as the rain started to clear up.

The team ran all four miles together and was given the American flag to carry during their last mile. The run ended across the street from Hoover Karate Academy, where the teams would find the last event, an obstacle course complete with nine stations.

The stations consisted of a horizontal and vertical rope climb, physical training with a heavy log, a run around a track while carrying a group member on an army stretcher, and last, but not least, a tire flip.

The team of Deltas were extremely tired and physically drained by the tire flip, but they helped each other get through and completed the event as a team.

After the event, awards were given out based on heart and patriotic spirit. Brothers of Delta Tau Delta that didn't participate contributed through donations and support.

Overall, the event was a successful simulation of the daily hardships of a Navy Seal for participants and the benefit raised over \$6000 in total for a very important cause.

MULINGS

Volleyball Sept. 7

Mules	0
Susquehanna	3

Buttermaker Tournament Sept. 10

Mules	0
DeSales	3

Sept. 11

Mules	0
Moravian	3

Mules	1
Neumann	3

Men's Soccer Sept. 8

Mules	4
Wilkes	0

Sept. 11

Mules	1
NYU	1

Women's Soccer Sept. 11

Mules	2
St. John Fisher	2

Sept. 12

Mules	1
Oswego State	2

Field Hockey Sept. 11

Montclair State	3
Mules	1

Men's Golf

Penn State Harrisburg Invitational	
Sept. 12	round 1
Sept. 13	finished 2nd

Men's Tennis F&M Invitational Sept. 12 no team score

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the reputation for being the 'No Fun League' for fining players for excessive celebrations and limiting showmanship in the games. Players get fined for using Twitter during games or for violating the NFL uniform code. For each of the 32 NFL teams, there is a person whose job is to inspect each player and make sure they don't stray from the code. Players can get fined for having the wrong socks on. If the white part of their socks covers the colored part, they will be fined at least \$5,000. They cannot write messages on their shoes, even if it is something harmless like the names of their kids. So players cannot use Twitter or wear the wrong socks, but they can play a violent sport with a serious head injury. The "No Fun League" will become the "No Functioning League" if players continue to be put at risk after suffering head injuries.

If players are fined for these minor details, it will be outrageous if the Eagles medical staff is not penalized for putting players out on the field that have suffered head injuries. If they are not fined or penalized somehow, the message being sent is that the NFL cares more about the player's socks than their heads.

I understand sports, and football especially, is about being tough and macho. It is easy and understandable to appreciate someone who plays hurt. Someone who

plays through an ankle injury or a broken finger is admirable. In 1985, Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott had part of his pinky finger amputated after he broke it in a game so he could avoid surgery and continue playing and not miss any time on the field. Hall of Fame linebacker Lawrence Taylor tore his pectoral muscle in 1988 against the Saints and had three sacks and two forced fumbles wearing a harness around his shoulder. Playing through pain is one thing. Playing with an injured brain is another.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell will hopefully use his brain and do something about this issue. He should start by cracking down on the Eagles for endangering their players on Sunday. The league should worry less about what Chad OchoCinco is tweeting and more about the welfare of the players who risk injury every single time they step out on the field.

The fact that Stewart Bradley and Kevin Kolb failed their initial concussion tests the day after the game shows that they had no business being back on that field. The players' quality of life should not be sacrificed for winning when it comes to head injuries. If it's an ankle sprain, shoulder injury or something that won't limit their ability to lead a normal life down the road then fine, rub some dirt on it and get back out there. But when it comes to concussions, every team should be overly cautious so no one has to be the next Andre Waters or Ted Johnson.

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Mules' Soccer wins one, ties one

By JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

On September 8th, Muhlenberg had their third non-conference game, as they hosted Wilkes University on Varsity Field. After coming off two convincing victories, the Mules looked to keep on winning, and that is exactly what they did. Surprisingly, the first half proved to be a struggle for the boys from Berg. They had eleven shots on goal, and unfortunately none of them would land in the back of the net. Despite their fruitless first half, the Mules completely outplayed Wilkes, to whom they allowed only two shots over the course of the whole game. The second half was all about Muhlenberg domination. Just two minutes into the second half, Sophomore Danny Way put a beautiful goal in the net. Three minutes later he followed up with yet another incredible goal, giving him three goals on the season. In the sixty first minute, Senior Matt Cecconi netted his first goal of the season. Two minutes later, Junior Forward Cody Antonini scored, giving him five goals on the season. The game was just further proof of why Berg deserves to be at the top of the Centennial Conference.

Three days later, after a moment of silence for the victims of September 11th, Muhlenberg took the field against New York University. This game proved to be Muhlenberg's most difficult challenge on the season. An evenly matched game all the way through, this game was the most exciting of the season. Muhlenberg came out early in the first ten minutes of the game with three shots, yet all of them missed the net. As the game went on, it was an all out struggle for both teams. Muhlenberg drilled eight shots on net in the second half, and only Antonini's forty sixth minute goal was able to get past the New York University keeper. Almost having the game won was not good enough for the Mules, NYU responded in the eighty seventh minute to tie the game at one. This game was going to need more than ninety minutes to decide a winner. After one over time, and a single shot coming from Muhlenberg, the game was still tied. A second over time was in need, and once again, Muhlenberg

took the only shot, yet could not score. This one unfortunately would end in a tie. On Wednesday September 15th, Berg will have their final non conference game of the season at home against Moravian College.



Senior Defense man Matt Cecconi scored the third goal of his career in the Mules' win against Wilkes.

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Keep your head by getting it out of the game

By BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

Football is a violent sport and injuries are an unfortunate part of the game but the National Football League has created rules that attempt to help protect the players. The NFL is always looking for ways to redesign helmets to help prevent head injuries. The league will penalize and fine players who commit a helmet-to-helmet hit. However, the NFL needs to step in more and get involved with how teams handle players with concussions.

There will surely be a lot of talk on ESPN and sports radio in the coming days about the concussions suffered in the Eagles-Packers game this past Sunday. Eagles starting quarterback Kevin Kolb and linebacker Stewart Bradley both sustained concussions in the first half against the Packers. Both players returned to the game before sitting out the second half. Both players failed their initial concussion tests on Monday and will likely not play this coming Sunday against the Detroit Lions.

So why did these players re-enter the game after suffering serious injuries? After the game, Head Coach Andy Reid was asked about the decision to leave Kolb and Bradley in the game.

"They were fine," Reid said. "All of the questions that they answered with the doctors registered well, but as it went on, they weren't feeling well, so we took them out."

Anyone who watched Stewart Bradley's injury would probably disagree with Reid's assessment that he was

fine. Bradley dove to make a tackle and got hit in the head by his own teammate who was in pursuit of wide receiver Greg Jennings of the Packers. He clearly was shaken up after the play and had difficulty getting to his feet. He rested on one knee and finally stood up but was unable to keep his balance. Bradley wobbled and he did fall down. He wanted to get back up right away but was unable to on his power and then the medical staff came



Philadelphia Eagles Quarterback Kevin Kolb is dragged down from behind; a hit that caused a concussion.

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running on the field to assist him.

This is not the first time the Eagles have had issues with concussions. Last year veteran running back Brian Westbrook missed half of the season after suffering two concussions in three weeks. The Eagles released the popular player this past offseason.

Concussions are perhaps the biggest concern for players. Former Eagle Andre Waters committed suicide four years ago. It is believed that Waters was depressed as a result of brain trauma he suffered after sustaining numerous concussions during his playing days.

Former New England Patriot Ted Johnson came out three years ago admitting he suffers from depression, painful headaches, and amphetamine addiction as a result of post-concussion syndrome. He accused his former coach, current Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick, of making him practice just days after suffering a concussion. During the practice, Johnson suffered another concussion. Doctors have told him he shows early signs of Alzheimer's disease at the age of 35.

"Officially, I've probably only been listed as having three or four concussions in my career," Johnson said in 2007. "But the real number is closer to 30, maybe even more. I've been dinged so many times I've lost count."

The NFL is a business but it is also just a game and is not worth people losing the ability to lead a normal life after they retire because of injuries that were not properly taken care of.

The NFL has earned

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Muhlenberg welcomes new Chief of Security

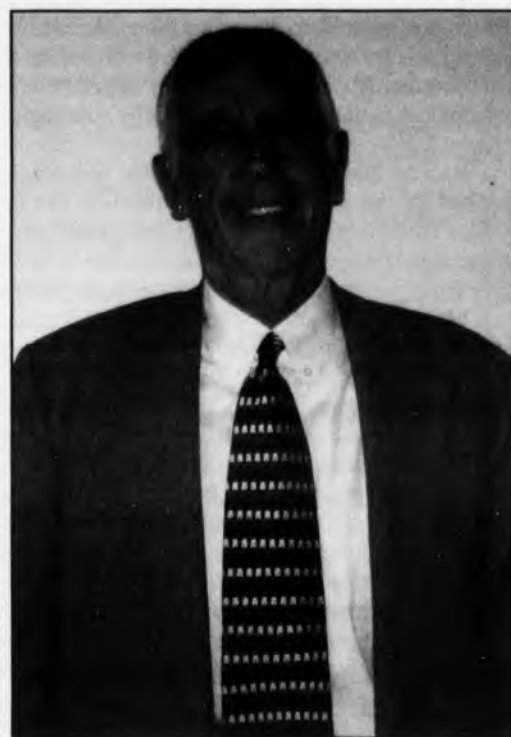
BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Recently, Thomas Dougherty, the current director of Campus Security and Safety, announced that he would be stepping down from his position and becoming the Assistant Director of Campus Security for personal reasons. Dougherty's decision made it imperative for the college to find a replacement quickly. Student Services was put in charge of finding a replacement because Campus Safety and Security falls under their umbrella of responsibilities, so they began with advertising locally in newspapers for qualified candidates.

With 83 applications received, it was difficult for Student Services to narrow down the candidates. However, Dean Green was looking for a specific type of person to fill the role of director of Campus Security. As Dean Green put it best, "Muhlenberg was looking for someone with extensive experience on a college campus, knows how to execute the best practices in the field of campus safety, appreciates students and has their best interests at heart."

Despite the 83 applications received, Robert Gerken was a clear choice due to his experience as a Pennsylvania State Trooper for 25 years, his private investigator license, his experience with executive protection for high people, and his work with the secret service for three different presidents, and working as Director of Public Safety for Albright College in Reading, PA for 10 years.

Aside from this experience, Gerken was seen as a charismatic, approachable, and friendly person, who would fit in perfectly at the college. After being at the college for a full day of interviews with everyone on campus from the search committee to President Helm it was clear that Mr. Gerken was the best candidate. Dean Green has high expectations for Gerken, which include having more intentional officer interactions with the student body, heightening visibility of force, encouraging more foot patrols and possibly bike patrols, and working with auxiliary students. "Also, I look forward to having



Muhlenberg welcomes new campus safety director, Robert Gerken

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"Earth From Space" launches Center for Ethics fall line-up

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

center's theme is "Science and Sensibility: Studying Nature as a Human Endeavor." The Earth from Space Smithsonian Poster Exhibit, which held its opening reception last Thurs., embodied this theme by asking how we think about the earth.

Co-sponsored by Trexler Library, this exhibit presents a series of satellite images of the earth that will be on display in the library through the month of October. The exhibit is a portion of a larger collaboration with Andrew Johnston, geographer and curator at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum's Center for Earth and Planetary Studies. This 20-poster collection was a winner of a U.S. Geological Survey communications award in 2007 for science content.

The opening reception included a series of remarks and question

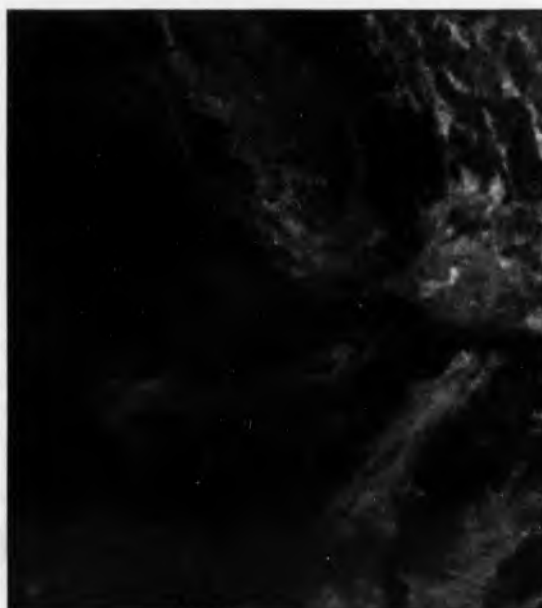
Last Thurs., Sept. 16 marked the first event in this year's Center for Ethics fall line-up. This year, the

and answer session with Merritt Jacob, a Physics Instructor and Laboratory Manager here at the College. Jacob explained that the images, which included everything from the San Francisco

skyline and Kansas farmland to hurricane patterns and running water channels, were taken by satellites that orbit 400 miles above the earth. It takes each of these satellites roughly 90 minutes to loop around the earth, which means that a satellite can photograph the entire rotating earth's surface in less than two days.

Since Sputnik, the first satellite, was launched by the Soviet Union in 1957, satellites have been solely the property of the government. Recently, however, the launch of commercial and military satellites has increased the availability of images, especially those tracking the weather. There are roughly 40 U.S. satellites currently in orbit, and with the increasing interest of other countries like France and China, as Jacob put it, "it's getting crowded."

These satellites can take a variety of types



Satellite image of a California forest fire

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Happy Homecoming!

Another year, another Homecoming. The time for team spirit, visiting alumni, and chanting Greeks is here again. For some it means taking in an afternoon football game, for others it means crowning a new King and Queen, and for past graduates it means returning to their alma mater with their growing families.

Homecoming has definitely changed, even just in the past few years. For some of us, we remember the times when Academic Row was lined with homemade scarecrows lovingly and carefully decorated by the various clubs and organizations on campus. The athletic teams and cheerleaders brought a level of enthusiasm and excitement to the College community that wasn't present at any other time of the year.

As a new Homecoming draws near, we speculate about what we can expect to be excited for this year. The old tradition of the scarecrow contest has been replaced with a new tradition of a banner decorating contest - complete with a parade! Two years ago, the football team was coming in as Centennial Conference Champions promising an exciting beginning to their new season.

This year, we do not have the things that we normally associate with Homecoming. But this does not mean that all is lost. The purpose of Homecoming is to celebrate, fusing the past and present together in an exciting environment. Whether or not the team wins, the games still bring the College community together.

Like always, there will still be sororities trying to out-chant the other. There will still be cheerleaders and dance groups infusing the student body with energy at the annual Friday night Pep Rally. There will still be a Homecoming Dance, this time under the tent outside of Martin Luther and East instead of in the Garden Room.

Even though things change, the sentiment associated with Homecoming remains. That inexplicable feeling of Muhlenberg-ness is amped up during the events this weekend. These are the days we will remember, and this is the reason that so many alumni come back for year after year. Homecoming is proof that even though you may graduate, you are will always welcomed back at the 'Berg.

10 things we can buy with Helm's salary

BY ALEX BREIDING
OP/ED WRITER

My parents taught me never to talk about how much money I make: that would be vanity. Luckily, they never said anything about other people's salaries. Al-

though I do not have a more recent and therefore more accurate salary than that of the 2007-08 academic year, we can accept our operational value as the minimum possible value since the average salary for a college executive is still rising (although admittedly not as much as in previous years).

According to "The Chronicle of Higher Education," President Helm was awarded \$351,662 in total compensation, including benefits. At first glance, this looks grotesquely excessive. At second glance, it still looks pretty darn high. At third glance, when I compare the 2007-08 salary of President Helm to those of presidents of similar institutions, I'm proud to say that our President falls on the middle to lower end of the spectrum. Rather than complaining about the obvious problems with income disparities within our College community, I am here to provide 10 things that we can do with President Helm's annual salary:

1. Purchase one Maybach 57 S sports luxury car
2. Give a full ride to the College for about two students
3. Hire approximately six more professors
4. Cover 12 meals for every member of the College at the Campus Restaurant
5. Invest in 27 microloans for local Allentown businesses (based on SBA's average of \$13,000)
6. Provide health care for approximately 73 people for one year (Medicaid)
7. Feed 234 children for a year (ABC News: Money)
8. Give 7,020 milk goats to farmers in "peripheral" nations (Oxfam)
9. Distribute 19,500 blankets for the people without homes in the Lehigh Valley (Oxfam)
10. Provide one meal for all 22,000 people in Allentown living below the poverty line (US Census Bureau)

Of course, President Helm is invaluable as a member of our College community and continuously brings in millions of dollars more than he receives in his annual salary. By simply gazing around our lavish campus we are able to see all that President Helm's administration has overseen and the effects of what they classify as a successful capital campaign. From a pragmatic sense, it would not be prudent to reduce the executive salary, rendering the position uncompetitive - but it is fun to dream.

Regret = political disaster



ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

and critical issues in play all influence the outcome of an election. These factors determine which party will come out as the victor and which party will be the loser.

So what's going on for this election? Well to say the least this is going to be a crucial election. The ability to adjust the balance of power in Washington and in our state capitals is up for grabs. As we can see by the endless TV and radio ads and the rhetoric coming from candidates all over the country, the Republicans are putting their all into winning back political power, while the Democrats are fighting tooth and nail to hold onto the power they gained a mere four years ago. As usual, the personal attacks and smear campaigns are in full swing. Democrats are trying to portray Republicans as the party-of-no and the party of George W. Bush. Republicans are calling the Democrats the party of big government, out of control spending, and Obama governing.

Last week, I mentioned that the ever-growing Tea Party movement is likely to hurt the Republican Party in certain areas of the country because they are decreasing the chances of electable Republican candidates winning. Another problem the Republicans must tackle is removing the image they have picked up as the party criticizing the Democrats without coming up with their own so-

lutions. Republicans can not base their campaign strategy on bashing President Obama. Despite these obstacles, the political arena for this election still looks pretty favorably for Republicans.

The Democrats are facing what I would consider a more concerning set of circumstances than rogue candidates. Over the last several months there has been a common message being sent by American voters of all backgrounds and political ideologies, and that is the feeling of regret. This is a phenomenon that I like to call "voter regret." Voter regret describes the regret that voters show in response to their dissatisfaction with the politicians they voted for in previous elections.

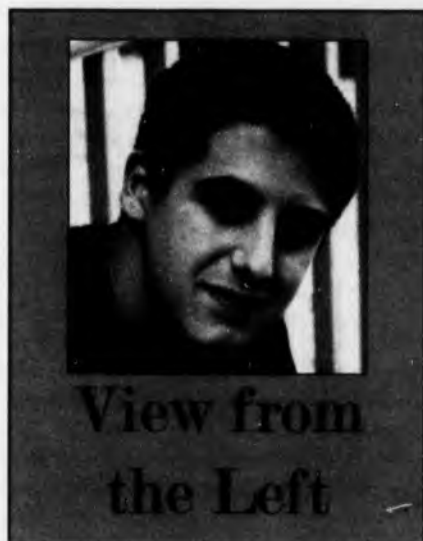
It is quite clear that today's public opinion and support for President Obama and the Democrats bears little resemblance to the months following the 2008 Presidential Election. I'm sure we remember the contagious excitement that Obama's victory brought across this campus and all over America. It was a time many Americans saw as a turning point in history, a change for the better. Once President-elect Obama was sworn into office and President Bush was on his way out of the White House everything would be hunky dory. The President didn't hesitate to tell the American people that he would fix every major

problem on our minds. Yes, he did paint this image, and whether or not it was intentional is now an irrelevant question.

The superman President and his Democratic sidekicks in Congress were going to team up and fight evil and clean up Washington. And this is what is going to lead to a Democratic downfall in this year's midterm election. Setting aside partisan loyalties, we can see that little has been "fixed" by the Obama administration in the eyes of Americans. Of course the President could not have accomplished every single goal with ease due to the realities of Washington grid lock and bickering. Even though this may be obvious to those of us who study politics, it is not the case with the majority of American voters both Republican and Democrat. The Democrats should have thought of this before filling the voters' heads with unrealistic thoughts. Now they face what seems to be a looming repeat of the 1994 Republican victory.

The eloquent, uplifting, hope-filled, and change-centered speeches and rhetoric that Obama and the Democrats focused on in 2008 is now being turned into a weapon against them. Republican politicians are not the only ones questioning Obama and Democrats about results. The Ameri-

Affirmative action or distraction?



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Op/Ed Columnist

Did you hear the great news? The College has hit an all-time high score! Last year, we were proud of our old score, but that pales in comparison to what were able to do this year! I'm talking about scoring a higher percentage of people of color, of course. No longer can we scoff at our use of the word "diverse" to describe the College. No longer do we have to feel disconnected from Center City Allentown. Most importantly, no longer do we have to feel like we're racists!

I'm speaking fallaciously, of course, but only out of exasperation. It is true that a greater proportion of our first-year class consists of self-identified people of color than ever before. We can take this at face value, assuming that this, in itself, is the mark of progress. Alternatively, we can look at our situation here at the College as one of many examples of affirmative action as it is used in the collegiate system in the US. By looking at affirmative action in the macrocosmic scale, there is no need for the school to feel attacked. Furthermore, by using Muhlenberg as but one example, we can connect our actions to the greater theories regarding affirmative action and our racialized social structure.

Let's start with a little history – my favorite thing to do because it lays out

the foundation for our constructed language, values, and ideologies regarding this heated topic. Hopefully by now we are all aware of the 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which overturned the infamous *Plessy v. Ferguson* of 1896 which upheld the "separate but equal" doctrine. The actual phrase "affirmative action" wasn't used until JFK's 1961 Executive Order 10925, which required federal contractors to "take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color, or national origin." The phrase stuck and so did the original tenet of his decree.

Society seems to stand over us, forcing us to precipitate a decision on this matter and effectually leaving us with little time to think critically about the matter before being thrown into an emotionally heated debate. As with all great debates, there is no inherently correct answer between the two polar opposite ideologies. Unfortunately, the relentless bickering is leaving less and less room for actual progress. In order to analyze affirmative action, we must make a few assumptions, as we do when connecting any concrete situation to abstract theory.

First and foremost, racism is a social construction; that is, the way that we see differences between races is inextricably linked to our contemporary political, social, and economic environment as well as our location. Thus, our hierarchical system of race is not based on evolution or differences in the brain but rather a history of exploitation and dependency. Finally, racism as we know it is institutionalized in our government, our schools, the places that we live, and the jobs that we take up. Racism exists because of our collective participation in these institutions, not because of a few bad apples.

It is not common to see racial inequality in our collegiate system. There is a disproportionate representation of people of color, especially Blacks, enrolled in college. Additionally, there is a huge lack of representation among

professors, researchers, and school administrators who identify as a person of color. To resolve or at least mitigate this gross mess, a great number of colleges intentionally allow admission to people of color who are as equally qualified as their white competitor solely based on their skin color. This direct action is meant to counter our unconscious prejudices and ingrained racism within the system. Allow the debate to ensue.

Those in support of affirmative action usually recite the most recent evidence from their trusted news source that attempts to prove through demonstrating a higher proportion of racial minorities in college that affirmative action is the cure for racism, or at least in our educational system. Though it is true that colleges have, on average, a greater representation of people of color than in 1963, institutionalized racism is alive and well. How can this be?

Like I said earlier, racism is not the result of a few white supremacists, Klan members, and Rush Limbaugh. Our racialized social structure is perpetually reinforced by nearly all of our social doings, and for that reason racism is covert and internalized. For example, the Wawa on Hamilton Boulevard, which is newer, cleaner, and in a "safer" area, is often called "White Wawa," while the Wawa on Gordon

Street, which often times has police supervision and customers and workers of apparent marginalized races, is known as "Black Wawa." I do not believe that any person who refers to these establishments respectively is doing so with any malcontent for people of color. Unfortunately, it has the same effect, because we are reaffirming the constructed hierarchy of races by attaching positive connotations with "White" and negative connotations with "Black."

The realization that proponents of affirmative action absolutely need to make is that giving "equal opportunities" to people of color does not fix our internalized prejudices nor does it dismantle racism. The collegiate system does not operate in a vacuum, separate from the other institutions that govern our lives; therefore, putting a Band-Aid on one illegitimate aspect of our society does not flush away its disease. An institutional problem needs to be addressed as such.

The institutions of our society are congenitally intertwined with a hierarchy of socially constructed races. The more that we, the privileged, attempt to push the marginalized through the structure from which we benefit, the greater harm we are doing. Affirmative action does exactly this; the privileged continue to benefit at the costs of the underprivileged.

Unfortunately, the relentless bickering is leaving less and less room for actual progress.

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can people are looking for the "goods" they were promised. Where's the change?

Voters are telling Obama and his party that if they could take back their vote from 2008, they would. I have heard Americans, young and old, Democrat and Independent, say that they made a mistake voting for Obama and the Democrats. I have heard Americans say Obama went back on his word and let them down. I have heard Americans say we are in worse shape than before Obama took office. They want the free healthcare and jobs they were promised. Green groups want the energy reform legislation they were promised. Americans want immigration to be fixed. They want cheaper, better education for all American children and college students. There's lots to do!

Unfortunately for the President and Democrats, Americans haven't seen tangible evidence to prove things have been fixed. Again, many of us well versed in politics and government understand where the difficulty in enacting policy change comes from (it is extraordinarily tough), but American voters don't want to hear it. When promises are made to voters, you bet they are waiting to reap the benefits. The last thing any politician wants to hear is a voter saying they regret voting for you. To put it simply, President Obama and his party have let voters down. Democrats ought to pay close attention to the number of their supporters who have expressed regret and disappointment because this is nothing short of a bad sign. The omen of political defeat has already presented itself. The question is, how badly will the defeat be?

Living in the fantastical



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Let's set the scene: It's 10 o'clock, Thursday night. Everyone is crowding around the 32-inch television screen, crammed in my closet-sized single dorm room. The suspense is growing with every second. We all know that Sammi "Sweetheart" and JWoww are going to have at it tonight. Who knows what could happen!

I bet I can predict the episode: Two whores are going to fight it out for the camera, knowing that millions of viewers everywhere are going to be glued to the television eagerly waiting for each fragile nail and extension to go flying. And guess what ladies and gentlemen: the drama is going to continue throughout each episode, into next season, and on and on like the *Real Housewives* series.

So why do we care? What is it about

other people's pathetic drama, like that of the *Jersey Shore* cast, that has viewers pasted to the TV for an entire hour? That has our most notorious celebrity, President Obama, mentioning Snooki and her bronzed counterparts while speaking at the White House Correspondent's dinner? The show is actually dumbing down our society, but we LOVE it!

Shows like *Jersey Shore*, *The Real Housewives* (of each and every state), *Bad Girls Club*, and so on create a skewed view of reality. They mask the horrific scenes that are taking place all over the globe and shade our eyes to the real-life drama that takes place close to home. But we are so absorbed in the fantastical that we cease to recognize the true 'reality' that surrounds us.

Even our source of the 'real' is distorted because often we are at the mercy of the news channels digression. USA Today, September 9, read 'Judge Issues Arrest Warrant for Lohan, Jail Possible'. CBS news read 'Paris Hilton pleas guilty, no jail time.' Whew! I was sure worried for her! This is not 'reality' as the word's definition suggests, though some sure feel it is. One fan flew in to support his druggie hero, and practically protested her arrest. The fan was not alone of course - many others joined in attempting her freedom, but thankfully they did not prevail.

Society absolutely does not know where to draw the line between the fantastical and the real. This may not cause problems simply because we are glued to a false sense of reality, but deeper issues do arise. The most significant dilemma we face is our image of an 'idol'. Each individual has a 'hero' or several 'heroes'

that he or she looks up to, and that he or she try to 'live' up to in some way. As children, MJ and Superman were among the favorites, and gradually those we looked up to morphed into the Spice Girls and Back Street Boys. Daddies of little girls everywhere feared for the daughter's futures as they paraded around in mini skirts pretending to be Posh or Scary Spice. Our idea of reality may have been skewed then, but it certainly has worsened with age. Generations below us are even more absorbed in the reality-blurring nightmare than we were. Miley Cyrus pollutes their minds, while trying to break free of her 'child star' past. She is dragging thousands of child fans with her into adulthood much too fast. But before Miley wowed us with her baritone-esque belt, there were video games that consumed, and still do consume, every spare second of a child's life. They eat, sleep, and breathe COD and Halo, standing in for computer-generated soldiers out to kill, stab, and gas.

Reality? Absolutely not. Do we know how to separate the two? We may think we do, but the fantastical finds its way into daily conversation, classes, online social media, and other facets of life, without anyone ever really thinking about it. What hits society the hardest is when a supposed reality comes crashing down and the whole world has to wake up and come to terms with the truth. Prime example: the one and only Tiger Woods. Known for owning the golf course and idolized for his wholesome and seemingly faultless character, Tiger Woods fell hard when his many sex-scandals were revealed, significantly damaging everything he stood for as so-

ciety's number one idol. Topping the scandal charts (which include heavy hitters such as Michael Vick, Kobe Bryant, and Ben Roethlisberger) Tiger's case was arguably the most controversial of them all. The arguments ranged from: 'Why should a celebrity athlete be held to such high regard?' to 'He is only human; he could have any woman he wants. Give the guy a break.' Here is the problem: if society is going to hold these individuals in such high regard, to such a level that days, nights, conversations are molded around their every actions, then we need to hold them up to a high standard.

But is it really so wrong to forget the true reality and become absorbed into the fantastical? Did ignorance ever stop leading to bliss? No, it certainly did not. But when does it stop? Where can we draw the line, or do we have to draw the line? Shielding our eyes from the horrors of Darfur, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and even as close to home as the Mexico drug wars, allows us to comfortably live our daily lives. If we focused, day in and day out, on reality we certainly all would be deeply depressed, afraid to face the TV, waiting for another threatened terrorist attack or news of Obama's approval rating. I do believe, however, that it is important that our society re-focus itself to an extent. We need to make sure that we can draw a line between the fantastical and the real. Once we create a clean-cut division, everyone should place one firmly-rooted foot on each side of the line, making a healthy balancing act of his or her worldview: ignorantly happy, while living in a world so corrupt that every human being still cannot exercise his or her inalienable rights.

Not everything is black and white...



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FROM EARTH FROM SPACE | PAGE 1 | tographs, from infrared images that can aid in weather prediction to detailed maps of crop growth or the location of different elements buried underground. With such a range of information, these images are widely valuable. "This information is so vital to everyone; to the city of New York to watch what's going on and to the farmers of Montana to watch their farmland," said event attendee Charles Lamonte, a local resident interested in the study of Geographical Information Systems.

The countless possibilities and insights that these photos provide raise many ethical questions. "The people who have access to this information have a lot of power," said Jacob, who went on to explain a recent release of such images that has conspiracy theorists worrying. President Obama recently published satellite images of ice flows near Alaska, updated images of those taken merely five years ago of the ice caps in that area. These new images show that there is hardly any ice left. Aside from the global concerns that these images raise,

concerns about why these photos have been withheld from the public for so long are also being discussed.

"We need to think about how to use this information and how to share it around the world," Jacob said of the satellite information. "We can see famine coming in North Korea before the North Koreans can. What should we do with that?"

These are just the types of questions that this semester's Center for Ethics line-up hopes to have students actively considering. Dr. Bruce Wightman, Professor of Biology and director of the "Science and Sensibility" program, has high hopes that this semester's speakers will have students thinking about science in a whole new light. "My hope is that the program will put a more human face on science... take science out of its box," he explained. By examining the ethics of individual scientists, Dr. Wightman believes that people will better be able to see science not as a given, but as a human activity with many different answers and ethical implications.

A major part of this approach to science is the in-

terdisciplinary nature of the Center for Ethics' theme. Past themes, which include "Ethics of Space: Power of Place" and "Politics, Ethics, and Citizenship", worked to include the interests of students of all majors, and this year is no different. Upcoming Center for Ethics events include speakers on the ethical implications of the atomic bomb, the question of defining mathematics as a natural discovery or human invention, and the socio-economical relationship between scientists and their subjects.

The next Center for Ethics event, a talk by Dr. Heather Douglas, will be held on Sept. 23 at 7 pm in Miller Forum. Dr. Douglas is an author and philosopher interested in the impact of ethical and social values on scientific research. She will address a "value-infused" approach to science and the positive implications that this approach has on the use of science in policy decisions made by our government.

For more information about the Center for Ethics and its upcoming events, please visit www.muhlenberg.edu/main/aboutus/cfe.

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Off Campus: Congress Debates Tax Cuts

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WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has hinted that the Senate will vote on taxes before Congress adjourns in early October to campaign for the mid-term elections. The Economic Growth and Tax Relief and Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, collectively known as the 'Bush tax cuts,' are scheduled to expire in January 2011. Taxes were reduced for Americans of every income level-the most since the end of World War II.




During his campaign, President Obama promised that those families earning up to \$250,000 annually would not see any increase in their taxes. The President has been touring the nation in order to shore up support for his plan, which proposes to allow the previous percentages to revert for those earning higher than the stated amount, roughly two percent of taxpayers. On Monday, he called support for such tax cuts "irresponsible," while also defending economic improvement since his inauguration.

Yet the view from analysts, among them former Office of Management and Budget Director Peter Orszag and former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, is not so optimistic. In an interview last week, Orszag declared that ending all of the Bush-era tax cuts would be necessary if Obama wanted to meet his goal of balancing the federal budget (sans debt interest payments) by 2015. Greenspan likewise reversed his earlier opinion on maintaining the tax cuts, stating that they should not be done on "borrowed money." The United States, which currently borrows 40 cents for every dollar it spends, has seen its debt balloon from \$5.7 to \$13.4 trillion since 2001. While extending the tax cuts for all is estimated to cost \$3.7 trillion, the Obama plan will reduce that to only \$3 trillion, a reduction that analysts fear may be too little, too late.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Showers
High: 91 Low: 64	High: 75 Low: 52	High: 70 Low: 53

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 13 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation as a smoke detector was covered. An officer spoke with students and gave them a verbal warning. The smoke detector is now uncovered.

Sept. 13 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of two found cell phones. The owners were unable to be identified. The items were placed in the lost and found lockers.

Sept. 13 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of two found student ID cards. The owners were notified to pick up the cards at the Campus Safety office.

Sept. 13 – Found Property – At the Life Sports Center, there was a report of several found items that were turned into the desk. It was unknown to whom the items belong or when they were turned in. The items were placed in the lost and found lockers.

Sept. 13 – Medical Transport – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and reported to the scene along with Allentown EMS. The student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 13 – Found Property – In the front drive, there was a report of a found ring. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 13 – Suspicious Activity – On campus, there was a report of suspicious activity. The individual was reporting the possible ingestion of a suspect substance.

Sept. 14 – Disabled Vehicle/Motor Vehicle Assist – In the front drive, there was a report of a car alarm continuously going off. Officers were able to gain access to the vehicle and shut the alarm off. The owner was

contacted and notified. There was no further incident.

Sept. 15 – Found Property – In the Village lower parking lot, there was a report of a found computer charger. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 15 – Found Property – In Ettinger, there was a report of two found rings and a bracelet. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 15 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a report of the theft of a Canadian flag from an off campus residence. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 15 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In Robertson Hall, second floor, there was a report of theft of money from a room. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 15 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded to the scene. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital with Health Center personnel.

Sept. 15 – Lost Property – In East Hall, B Block, second floor, there was a report of a lost set of car keys.

Sept. 16 – Suspicious Person – Off campus, Allentown Police and Campus Safety were notified of suspicious individuals. The individuals, both juveniles, were apprehended by Allentown Police Department for breaking into vehicles.

Sept. 16 – Sick Employee – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a sick visitor. The Health Center was notified and responded to the scene. Allentown EMS was called and responded. The visitor was transported to the

hospital by Allentown EMS.

Sept. 16 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a found purse. Several attempts have been made to notify the owner and have been unsuccessful at this time. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department responded. The student was transported to the hospital. The student was arrested for Underage Drinking. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 17 – Sick Student – Off campus, there was a report of a sick student at an off campus location. Allentown EMS responded and the student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 17 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet. The wallet was later found and returned to the owner.

Sept. 17 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At the Keck House, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 17 – Suspicious Activity – On campus, there were reports of suspicious activities by students both on and off campus. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 17 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID card. The student was notified to pick up their ID at the Campus Safety office.

Sept. 17 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of another found student ID card. The owner was notified to pick up their ID at the Campus Safety office.

Sept. 18 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, officers spoke with residents and cleared out of the house. The College will issue a Disruptive Conduct Report.

Sept. 18 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found driver's license. The owner was notified to pick up the license at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 18 – Muhlenberg College Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a report of an alcohol violation and underage consumption. The Muhlenberg student was transported to the hospital and was arrested by Lehigh University Police.

Sept. 18 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 18 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, beer pong tables were noticed and taken to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence closet. Residents were advised of the Disruptive Conduct Policy. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 19 – Disorderly Conduct – At 2241 Liberty St., there was a report of a student urinating in public. The Campus Safety officer identified the individual. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 19 – Found Property – In the front drive, there was a report of students seen carrying a case of beer and putting beer under the bush. Campus Safety officers retrieved the beer and discarded the items. Campus Safety officers were unable to identify the individuals.

Sept. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to the pull station being vandalized. Allentown Fire Department responded to the scene. The suspect was spoken to in regards to vandalism and denied being involved. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, nothing was found that would set off the detector. The system was silenced and reset without further incident.

Sept. 19 – Injured Student – In the football stadium, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and was transported to the hospital by friends.

Sept. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Come to Shuttle Steve's Book Signing!

Stephen M. Goosley, known by students as "Shuttle Steve," wrote a book based on his experiences in his summer job as a fishing instructor, which he has had for the past ten years. Steve's book, entitled "Fishing with Steve," consists of over 100 color photos of students and their catches. Steve will be signing copies of his book on Friday, Sept. 24 and Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 am- 2 pm by the 'Berg Bookstore.

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Mr. Gerken be a fresh pair of eyes and ears and help raise the level of professionals in Campus Security and Safety and throughout the campus," said Green.

When Gerken began at Albright they told him to take Albright's security and safety to the next level, which is exactly what he did by enhancing communication throughout campus between students and faculty, having a team of 25 students who worked at campus security, and working as a unit in public safety. It was

their unit, not his, said Gerken. "One of my goals is to make Campus Security and Safety our department, not my department," he added.

He also commented that he takes things very seriously when it comes to safety on campus and feels very responsible for everything that happens, which makes it a big challenge to maintain a safe environment for learning, teaching, and visiting for the community. Furthermore, Gerken was so respected at Albright that the student body referred to him as "Chief Gerken", which is definitely something that will happen here at

the college. Chief Gerken wants to be approachable and wants the student body to know that he is open to suggestions.

To further attest to Chief Gerken's character he says that he wants to work at the college because it is closer to his house than Albright so his wife will be able to come to more campus events, and he can spend more time with her. Chief Gerken cannot wait to attend more plays with his wife here at the college, go to athletic games, and of course go to Shabbat Dinner at Hillel!

Mule Express Grand Opening TODAY



Today marks the grand opening of the Mule Express Dining Service, located in the Light Lounge in Seegers. This highly anticipated dining option, funded by Student Government, allows another swi-peable meal outside of the new Campus Restaurant. Meals from the Mule Express are made in a to-go style: ideal for students with busy schedules and swipes to spare.

Left: Student Body President Samuel Landman '11, and Treasurer Adam Neufeld '12 pose in front of the Mule Express.

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Homecoming Court

King Nominees:

Christopher Amirault
Michael Bloom
Ari Brandsdorfer
Jake Herb
Jason Steinberg

King and Queen will be announced during halftime of Saturday's football game, which starts at 1 pm.

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Queen Nominees:

Kamila Jacob
Amanda Palmer
Erika Samsky
Catherine Schwartz
Roxanne Sholevar

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"A life lived in love will never be dull."
-Leo Buscaglia

The Feast of San Gennaro: Little Italy, NYC

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

The 84th Annual Feast of San Gennaro, which is the longest running festival in the United States, will be held from Thursday, September 16 through Sunday, September 26, 2010 on the streets of Little Italy in the lower Manhattan area. This festival welcomes everyone to celebrate Italian heritage, as Little Italy, was the first home in America for thousands of Italian immigrants who came here seeking to improve their lives beginning in the early part of the 20th century.

This festival is sponsored by Figli di San Gennaro, Inc. (Children of San Gennaro). This is a non-profit community organization that has attracted over a million people from all over the world each year to come to the streets of Little Italy, since 1996. Their hope is to keep alive the spirit and faith of the Italian immigrants by engaging in exciting activities and participating in honoring the Italian immigrants with the



Mulberry Street where the festival was centralized.

PHOTO BY ALEX CAPORUSSO

annual Salute to the Patron Saint of Naples. Although this festival is known for its religious tradition, it has attracted many people from around the world because of the many events and activities people get to partake in. There is delicious Italian food, great shopping, and festive competitions that could keep a person entertained for hours.

While this is a an 11-day event, the central focus of the festival took place on September 19, 2010, which is the official Saint Day when a celebratory Mass is held in Most Precious Blood Church, followed immediately by a religious procession in which the Statue of San Gennaro is carried from its permanent home in the church through the streets that comprise Little Italy. Fortunately, the Weekly was able to get an interview with Alex Caporusso, a student from the class of 2013, who was excited to share her experience at the Feast of San Gennaro with us!

Torie Paone: Alex, how was it decided that you would attend the Feast of San Gennaro?

Alex Caporusso: I am a Student Advisor for the writing seminar class called the FYS of Martin Scorsese and the teacher, Professor Corbin, decided to take her students to this festival.

Torie Paone: Was your FYS class alone in attending this festival? Do you know why specifically Professor Corbin decided to take her FYS class to this special event?

Alex Caporusso: Several FYS classes attended the festival along with our class. Professor Corbin decided to take her class to this festival because it pertains to what the students are learning in class. This class studies Martin Scorsese films, analyzes them, writes papers about them, and has deep discussions regarding his work and film style. Recently, they watched one of his films called *Mean Streets* and a scene from the movie includes the Feast of San Gennaro. It actually took the movie three days of shooting the Feast of San Gennaro to create this scene. Professor Corbin



People shop at one of the many vendors on Mulberry Street.

PHOTO BY ALEX CAPORUSSO

wanted her students to embody the experience of being at the Feast in the hopes that her students could better relate to the movie.

Torie Paone: What day did you go to the 11-day festival?

Alex Caporusso: The advising groups went on a Bieber Bus on September 19, 2010, which is the the official Saint Day.

Torie Paone: Specifically, what did you and the several advising groups do on this trip to the festival?

Alex Caporusso: We ate a lot of food! There were Italian delicious candies, gelato, sausage sandwiches, pizza, meatballs, and everything in between. We saw a lot of canoli-eating competitions going on and while I didn't participate in the event, I enjoyed watching the action. Not only did we get to taste delicious Italian food, but also we all went shopping at the many vendors centralized on Mulberry Street. I took a lot of pictures because this festival was absolutely beautiful. There was a colorful parade with Italian bands from church groups playing Italian music. It was a beautiful day at that and I couldn't think of a better way to spend a Sunday.

After interviewing Alex I was filled with envy that she got to attend such an exciting event. While the festival is still currently going on, I know that I will not be able to attend. I am, however, glad that I got to learn about this event because I will plan to attend the event with my parents next year, so that we can enjoy a fun-filled weekend in Little, Italy. Being full Italian, I know my father will thoroughly enjoy himself and I can't wait to experience the smile on his face with him.



Delicious Italian sweets displayed at the festival.

PHOTO BY ALEX CAPORUSSO

A Freshman Perspective

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

I've been at the College for almost a month now, and I can finally say that I feel adjusted to the college life. Whether that means finding out how to balance homework while

living with friends or dealing with missing your family, I do feel that transitioning to college was a lot less chaotic than I thought it would be.

The weekend we arrived, we were summoned into the dorms, quickly unpacked and set to embark on our educational journey. I remember the hustle and bustle of the student helpers, who unpacked our cars like a bunch of professional movers.

The theme of this year's orientation was "Explororientation," where we were encouraged to find our direction here at the College. As I put away the last of my items, I took a look at the weekend schedule and noticed that we were required to spend a substantial amount of time with our first year seminar groups. Like most, this could be the greatest thing to happen or the scariest. As I made my way up the four flights of stairs in Shankweiler, I opened the door to a classroom full of unfamiliar faces. As we started to participate in a bunch of ice-breaker activities, I began to relax. While I did enjoy spending time and bonding with my FYS group, I wish that I would have had the opportunity to spend time with others. Freshman Emily Stein feels that "She would have preferred to have met students from my other classes as well."

The theme was evident throughout the weekend. During lunch, we were welcomed with jungle themed foods and costumes. The weekend was jam packed with a variety of presentations, performances and candle lighting ceremonies. We as a class were fortunate enough to meet President Helm as Dumbledore. Dressed in the beard, cloak and hat, President Helm addressed us with a mixture of comedy and warmth. The fun didn't end there. After dinner, we were introduced to College traditions and history by Dean Wilson, which while long, was quite informative. While I was exhausted by Friday night, I thoroughly enjoyed the candle lighting ceremony, which made me feel welcomed into the the College community.

Many freshmen feel that orientation would have been more effective if we had less activities crammed into three days. Overall though, my freshman orientation experience allowed me to explore campus while meeting new people and adjusting to campus life.

Wear a Magazine as a T-shirt

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

The new sensation that is sweeping the nation is called the T-post. This creation allows news and fashion to collide with each other, and provoke

interest from many different groups of people.

This phenomenon began in Sweden in 2004 as a fun media experiment amongst friends and now just five shirts has become a buzz-worthy business that spans over 50 countries. That's right, this work of art is only obtainable through subscription. You would subscribe to this as you would a magazine, but instead of holding it in your hand, you wear it on your body. Every five weeks, subscribers will receive an T-shirt, which is equivalent to a magazine issue, in the mail.

How does it work? The offbeat news story is printed on the inside back of the shirt. A graphic's artist's interpretation of that news story is printed on the front. For subscribers, the comment "nice shirt" now becomes an invitation to tell the story behind the design and create dialogue about an interesting world event.

Peter Lundgren, the founder of T-post, introduced T-post to the U.S. with the hire of former advertising agency owner and Creative Director, Chad Rea. Together they put their communication and artistic skills together and produced a unique type of media that grabbed the world's attention.

An example of this shirt would be Issue 51 titled "Higher Education." This "issue" of the T-post commented on the number of ridiculous college classes available today by creating a T-shirt which used Augmented Reality (AR), allowing subscribers to play a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors against a computer-generated arm that extends from the shirt itself.

Lundgren and Rea are always coming up with different ideas to spread real news. They've created t-shirt exhibitions, employed innovative product placement techniques, and even dressed city statues wearing T-post shirts. More recently, the two decided to make a T-post even more accessible by dropping the price for U.S. subscribers from \$36 to just \$21, including shipping and handling.

Are you hooked yet? This creation allows everyone to participate by enabling subscribers to bring their own ideas to the creation.

If anyone has an idea of a good story that could be put on a shirt and that people would be excited to wear, they can contact Peter Lundgren at peter@t-post.se.

Write for Life!

Do you go to events?

Do you want to write about them?

Contact Torie Paone @
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Love at the 'Berg: Where "Parody" Thrives

BY HEART PICKER-UPPER

This College.

This College! It's frickin' awesome! In case you didn't notice, this place is known for many great things. First, it is known for its turtle statue. And for annoying bells. And for that guy at the GQ who used to work late night shifts and spoke with that language that I don't understand. One thing that it's not known for (but totally should be!) is that it is welcoming to all people. Seriously!

I know what you're thinking. Small schools equal cliques. But it's so not true here! We have lots of types of diversity in all my classes. One thing I love about the College is going to class and seeing people of all walks of life. There's football players, there's theater kids, and the multi-cultural people. Even in my group of friends I see tons of diversity. I have friends who are business majors, pre-med majors, and even one friend who studies Women's Studies!

Just today, I noticed this phenomenon on my way to Life Sports Center. I stopped and stared as I watched two boys wearing sleeve-less fraternity shirts of two different fraternities walking hand-in-hand with all their

usual gear for the mid-day workout, not to be confused with the before-dinner workout. At this moment, I knew that I had picked the right school. When the two boys finally hugged, I was stunned. I didn't know it was possible for boys from different fraternities to be so close until I arrived at the College because fraternities are normally depicted as exclusive. Go Muhlenberg!

You see, what those two best friends taught me was a valuable lesson. I learned that it didn't matter what fraternity they were representing because everyone felt the love flowing from all different directions that day. Friendship

transcends Greek letters.

The College has people. A lot of them are passionate. The College has religions. A lot of people are passionate about religions. Hillel is a Jewish organization where everyone is amazing. I learned what "essentialism" was from my friend who studies Women's Studies, but I'm totally not doing that. Everyone at Hillel thinks the same way – and that way is welcoming and worldly. Hillel is the largest organization on campus, and they are super involved. It's great to see that such a great organization has its leaders also among the leadership of Sodexo, Student Government, Class Councils, and virtually all of those good organizations on campus.

Everyone at this school bonds over fro-yo because it's delicious; some people put Jimmies on them (why do they call them that, anyways?), and some eat it plain. But that's OK because we can all

agree that everyone at the College loves fro-yo. That just goes to show you that no matter what differences we have on the outside, such as Greek letters or last-season outfits, we are basically all

the same.

The best thing about all this is that I can't even eat fro-yo! I have moral obligations to abstain from frozen yogurt products. That's why I eat Eddy's Churned Ice-Cream every Sunday at 10 PM. Luckily, people who eat fro-yo still allow me to participate in their fro-yo circles. They make me feel as if I could eat fro-yo, even though I obviously wouldn't because that's immoral.

Back to religion and other arbitrary differences between people that we like to use for categorization and ascribing cultural stereotypes. I already told you that there is a strong, awesome Jewish

group on campus. There's also Christians. But that's it. But within the world of Christians, it's like a whole new world! I like to go to the Newman Center for their weekly Bible readings. I love how they are accepting of me, and are willing to discuss differences in interpretations of the texts. Unfortunately, I have to leave when they break out their Froyo (again, moral obligations). But the moral of the story is that the Newman Center allows all walks of life to learn from their culture, definitively proving, beyond reasonable doubt, that religion is not a factor when it comes to friendships, as long as you don't talk about your morals.

The most obvious love is seen between couples that attend the College. Normally I get totally grossed out by acts of public affection, but when I'm on campus, those things make me feel tingly inside. I love when I see guys holding doors open for their girls. It also makes me really happy when the girls make food for their guys. It is refreshing to know that chivalry is still around!

It's also totally cute when guys hold their girlfriend's books or hold their hands as they escort the girls to class. I know what you're thinking, "Not everyone on campus identifies himself or herself as straight or is in 'heterosexual' relationships!" My response to that is that I'm talking about the majority of people when I speak so that I can save time.

From Greek Life, to religion, to (straight) relationships, it's pretty obvious that someone contaminated our water supply with a strong aphrodisiac because love shows no discrimination. Even though statistical analysis shows with a 95 percent confidence that people in the US don't marry outside their race, Muhlenberg is awesome.

This article proves that there are all types of love everywhere and if you just put yourself out there, you can get in on it, too. As my favorite author Chuck Palahniuk says, "My heart is a piñata."

"Something I love about the College is going to class and seeing people of all walks of life...I see tons of diversity."

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Sept. 23

- 1) In Exchange for Gold: The Legacy of Gold Mining in Las Juntas de Abangares, Costa Rica from 12:00 pm-8:00 pm in the Martin Art Gallery
- 2) Mule Express Grand Opening from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm in Seegers Light Lounge
- 3) Center for Ethics presents Dr. Heather Douglas 7pm-9pm in Miller Forum.

Fri. Sept. 24

- 1) In Exchange for Gold: The Legacy of Gold Mining in Las Juntas de Abangares, Costa Rica from 12:00 pm-8:00 pm in the Martin Art Gallery
- 2) Spirit day and Pep Rally from 9:00 pm-midnight in Memorial Hall
- 3) Piano Recital: Leon Fleisher 8pm-10pm in Empie Theater.

Sat. Sept. 25

- 1) In Exchange for Gold: The Legacy of Gold Mining in Las Juntas de Abangares, Costa Rica from 12:00 pm-8:00 pm in the Martin Art Gallery
- 2) Football 1pm-3pm in Scotty Wood Stadium
- 3) Alumni Recital: Jeffrey Williams Baritone 4pm-5:30pm in CA Recital Hall
- 4) Homecoming Dance 9pm-midnight in tent outside Life Sports Center

Sun. Sept. 26

- 1) Hillel Bagel Brunch 12pm-2pm in Hillel
- 2) All campus worship service 1pm-2pm in Egner Memorial Chapel.
- 3) Arianna String Quartet 3pm-5pm in Empie Theater.

AMC Weekend Listings



Alpha and Omega

Fri. 4:30, 6:50, 9:20
Sat. 4:30, 6:50, 9:20
Sun. 2:10, 4:30, 6:50

Devil

Fri. 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 3:10, 5:20, 7:30

Easy A

Fri. 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 4:45, 7:10

Wall Street 2

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Resident Evil

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:00
Sun. 2:20, 5:00, 7:50

You Again

Fri. 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 2:00, 5:10, 7:40

When Boy Meets Girl

BY RACHEL FANGER
LIFE WRITER

Each year, thousands of teens set foot on college campuses across the country, such as Muhlenberg, awaiting academic success, but also freedom from home. Yes, students are driven to prosper in their classes, but what is so exciting is the freedom to explore sex, love, and constant opportunity to mingle with the opposite gender.

Unlike being home where parents set curfews and strict guidelines, students are now completely on their own. How one wants to live there is up to them, which for a lot of college students means one thing, lots of sex. There are no obligations where to sleep at night or when to be home, enabling boys and girls to test the water and experiment with each other like never before. Here at the College, most weekends become a rapid frenzy of hormonal college students looking to pursue the opposite gender in hookups, hopefully most of them to be remembered. With the influence of alcohol, sex and casual hookups are much more common.

When you take alcohol and partying out of the picture, friendships and relationships are much more likely to occur between boys and girls. Here at the College, everyone pursues friends of the opposite gender because it is nice to have an equal balance between testosterone and estrogen in one's life. Boys and girls have different desires and needs, but make ideal friendships because they balance each other out. It is nice to have from of the opposite gender to get a variety of perspectives on life, relationships, or even sex.

The small community at the College is ideal for tight bonds to form between boys

and girls because of the personal family like atmosphere the school has. It is nice not to have a boyfriend or girlfriend at certain times in life and just be able to have fun without flirting or casual hookups and just go out with friends. Every time a group of people goes to the GQ, dining hall, or even passes by the benches outside Seegers, one cannot miss how the opposite gender mingle and interact with each other. Boys can enable girls to lighten up and enjoy a good laugh, while girls can tease boys with a funny joke or casual conversation. The pressure does not always have to be there to make out or find the right brand of condoms for Saturday night. Sometimes it is nice to have a friend of the opposite sex who can be there just to watch a movie, or play Frisbee outside Brown Hall, without feeling the pressure of having to look your Sunday's best, or having to dress to impress. The day definitely is better when you can grab a cup of coffee at Java Joes or a wrap at the GQ without the pressure of getting a number or being asked out, and can sit and have a good laugh with your friends.

Whether you are listening to your favorite artist with your best guy or girlfriend, or encountering a hookup from last week, you will always have the opportunity to interact with people from the opposite gender. Yes, you want to hide from a bad sexual experience, or a nasty hookup at a frat, but you do not want to hide from the chance of building lasting relationships.

So set aside the flirting for a few days and store away the condoms until the weekend, and spend the week getting to know boys and girls because friendships are going to last; not necessarily next weekend's find.

Don't forget Homecoming is this Weekend!

Come out and find your enthusiasm at the annual Pep Rally on Friday.

Cheer on your football team at the Homecoming game on Saturday afternoon.

Have fun and enjoy the music at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students with Celiac Disease at Muhlenberg College can make their experience better here on campus! HERE'S HOW:

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The Campus Restaurant is brand new, and there are still a few aspects that are in development. The Dining Team is making progress towards giving you a better dining experience no matter what your dietary concerns may be. We are committed to satisfying your needs! We are currently training our new staff to understand how to prepare Gluten Free items to ensure 100% Gluten Free cuisine and minimize any risk of cross contamination.

Our Director of Culinary Operations, Sous Chefs, Supervisors, and all of the Dining Managers need to hear any concerns directly from you. Please talk to us! We want to hear from you!

**Students living on campus with dietary specifications should always contact Brynnmarie Dorsey and the Health Center FIRST. Please be aware that dietary preferences are different than dietary needs.*

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cause him to commit suicide.

"We wish we could have Owen back. Owen was a wonderful person and a great leader," said his mother. "If his death could leave a legacy of making youth football safer for young people, it would be wonderful."

What can we learn from this? Are athletes suffering concussions that are going unnoticed and undiagnosed? Should we reevaluate the way concussions are determined? Injuries are going to happen in sports, but depression, dementia, and death shouldn't be happening. Athletes are bigger and faster than ever. We know more effective training techniques and learn more about nutrition every day. As a result of players being faster and more powerful than ever, they are more dangerous as well. A 2007 article from Time Magazine showed that the average player in the NFL weighs 248 pounds, up 10% from 1985. The average offensive lineman now weighs 318 pounds compared to 281 pounds in 1985.

In 1970, there was only one player, Gene Ferguson of the Chargers, who weighed more than 300 pounds. There were three players in 1980, 94 in 1990 and 301 in 2000. In 2010, there were 532 players in NFL training camps that tipped the scales over 300 pounds.

The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

It seems that players are falling harder than ever, and something has to be done

to protect them from head injuries. Do the rules of the game need to be changed? Does the helmet need to be redesigned?

In the early 1900s, college football was becoming increasingly dangerous. In 1905, there were 20 times fewer players playing than there are today. Yet in that one year, 18 college football players died. Football as a sport almost became extinct before legends like Jim Brown, Deacon Jones and Brett Favre were even born (on second thought Favre may have been born already, I'll have to get his year of birth verified). It wasn't until President Theodore Roosevelt stepped in and created a committee to make the game of football safer. The American Football Rules Committee met in 1906 and created rules that formed modern football as we know it today and helped protect the players. They created the idea of the forward pass (before 1906, every play was a run), they changed a first down from having to gain five yards to ten, and they also outlawed gang tackling in addition to numerous other new procedures.

Is it time, almost 100 years after Teddy Roosevelt saved football, that someone step in and redesign the game again to account for bigger, faster players who hit harder than ever? Personally, I love the game how it is, but it comes at a great cost.

The NFL is a billion dollar industry but unless the players can be protected, it is worth nothing.

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yards, positioning them on the Mule 24. Two

more plays later, the Crusader quarterback hit the same receiver for a Susquehanna touchdown.

The Susquehanna kickoff was a touchback, so Muhlenberg started the drive on their 20. On 3-8 Deighan completed a long pass to Bushong for another long reception, for twenty-seven-yards. On the next play, sophomore running back Terrence Dandridge darted to the Susquehanna 35 for another Muhlenberg first down.

The Mules were able to get to the Susquehanna 19. Again, they went for it on fourth down, but failed to convert. The quarter ended with Susquehanna up, 7-0.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Muhlenberg forced Susquehanna to punt, giving the Mules outstanding field position on the Susquehanna 42. However, an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Mules backed them up to their own 46 and gave them a 1st and 22. The Mules rode on junior running back J.T. Merklinger's shoulder pads, who had all 34 yards on the drive, to the 20, but Katz's field goal attempt was beaten down by the wind and fell short.

The Mules stopped the Crusaders on the ensuing drive, receiving the punt on their 36. On the second play of the drive, Merklinger pounded out 24 yards. And, on the next play, sophomore wide receiver Isaiah Vaughn caught a 39-yard pass, bringing the Mules just inches from tying the game. Deighan finished off the drive, taking it in himself, and tying the game.

The Mules did not stop there. The Muhlenberg defense halted the Susquehanna attack, then, with an even onslaught of 5 runs and 5 passes, winded down the remaining minutes of the half and found themselves on the Susquehanna 4. Deighan located Merklinger short, who had run a delayed route, to put the Mules up 14-7 at halftime.

The second half started with two inconclusive drives from the Mules then the Crusaders. Muhlenberg

started the third drive with excellent field position, on their 44. Again, the Mules used a balanced assault of Merklinger and Deighan to get to the Susquehanna 14. Merklinger was stopped on first down and Deighan threw an incompletion on second down (he had an impressive 73 completion percentage on the day). On third-and-ten, Deighan was forced to scramble out of the pocket to the left.

Just before being forced out of bounds, he found

score on completion on fourth-and-ten.

On the following kickoff, junior return man Chase Nadell took the kickoff 42 yards, giving the Mules fantastic field position. But, they were not able to capitalize, and went three and out.

Susquehanna started the drive on their own 8, and after 12 plays, sliced their way to the Muhlenberg 14. On first and second down, the Mules stopped two runs, presenting the Crusaders with a 3rd-and-9, on which

the Mules forced an incompletion.

Then, on fourth down, the Crusader quarterback saw an open man and wound up to throw. Just as he was to release, junior defensive end Kenneth Cobb hit him and the ball fell inoffensively to the ground.

The Muhlenberg sideline was so enthusiastic, that it all but ran onto the field. The offense was able to run out the last 3 minutes of the game and the Mules had won their first game of the season.

Deighan led the offense with 231 yards on 19 completions. He is averaging 171.6 yards per game so far – fifth in the conference (in front of two juniors and a senior). The Mules also relied heavily on the legs of

J.T. Merklinger, calling his number 17 times for a total of 119 yards (a career high). The receivers Bushong and Vaughn got equal looks and earned 95 yards and 82 yards, respectively.

The Mules' defense was led by senior linebacker Patrick McDonough (11 total tackles, 1 for a loss), junior cornerback Chris Hartzell (8 total tackles, 3 broken up passes), and junior linebacker Matt Musick (7 total tackles, 1.5 tackles for a loss, and 1 sack).

The Mules' next game will be Saturday against the Gettysburg Bullets (0-1, 1-1). Scotty Wood Stadium is expected to be full to capacity for the annual homecoming game.

The Bullets were just demolished by Johns Hopkins in a game where the Gettysburg defense gave up 463 yards. The Mules are looking to exploit the Bullets' porous defense.



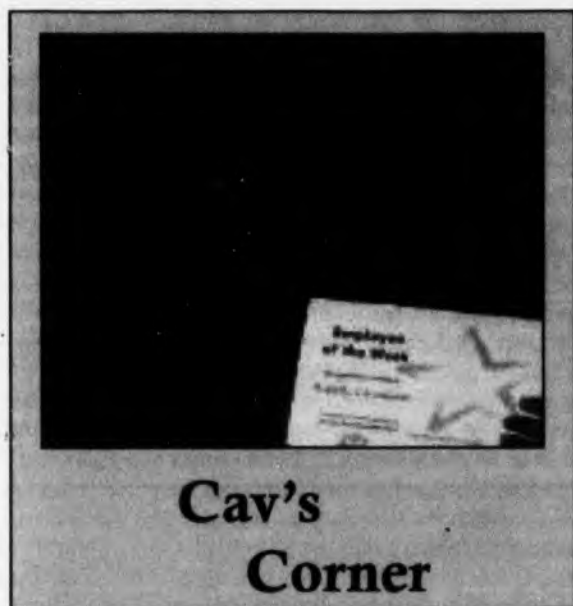
Left: Sophomore Wide Receiver John Gruver catches the game winning touchdown pass; Center: Junior Running Back J.T. Merklinger carried the ball 17 times. Senior Linebacker Scott Gavin serves as a Captain.

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sophomore wide receiver John Gruver near the left pylon, putting the Mules up by two scores. It was Gruver's first career touchdown reception.

On the ensuing drive, the Crusaders took the ball to the Mule 7, but the Mule defense forced an incompletion on fourth down and took over. Muhlenberg ran a couple of plays before the whistle blew signaling the end of the third quarter. After a Deighan to Vaughn completion gave the Mules a first-and-ten on their 48, the Mule attack appeared to be destined to score again, but a costly fumble backed them up and forced them to punt.

Susquehanna exploited the defensive stop. Thanks to three consecutive passes for first downs, the Crusaders made it to the Muhlenberg ten. The Mules did not fold in the red zone, forcing three incompletions. However, the Crusaders managed to



BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Intramural Sports is back for another year but has once again lost another one of its leaders to graduation. As I prepared to write this article I started reflecting on the past three years and everyone that has been an important part of Intramurals over those past three years. It inspired to me to write a short "Hall of Fame" article. Unfortunately, I do not know those that were Hall of Fame worthy before my time here at Muhlenberg, so this will only be about those who stuck out since fall of 2007.

As the year starts, a look at the past

The first team that popped into my head was Team Kalamazoo. Kalamazoo was an IM Basketball team during the 2007-2008 school year. I can vividly remember watching them win Intramural games by more than 50 points. It consisted of several great players, and they ran through the league. They won the IM Championship with ease, and I am pretty sure no other team will ever dominate the league quite like they did that year.

The next two teams that come to mind were automatic first ballot Hall of Famers. Team Wish and Kon Tiki were two of the most dedicated Intramural teams this school has seen. Team Wish participated in every IM sport and not only did they participate but they won and they won consistently. Led by IM All Stars like Billy Wish and Andrew Cipriano, they won several Intramural during each of their four years here. Kon Tiki is a team that still exists today but has a very different look. I'm speaking of the Kon Tiki that was led by guys like Joe Gogel and Billy Dalton. They always came to play hard and also won a few championships themselves.

The next three guys deserve the IM Lifetime Achievement Award. Rocky DeLuca, Matt Katz, and most recently Brian Ward all made tremendous marks on Muhlenberg Intramurals. Rocky and Matt built the

IM program up to where it is today. Without the two of them, Intramural Sports would not be anything like it is today. The two of them also taught Brian and me everything we know about coordinating Intramural Sports here at Muhlenberg. They were selfless and did so much for the program. I can honestly say that learning from them was one of my greatest college experiences. Working alongside Brian Ward last year was another one of those great experiences. Brian, who also was probably the greatest Intramural athlete last year, was nothing but humble and a pleasure to work with at all times. He made intramurals fun and did everything the right way. People should look up to those three and thank them for all the time and efforts they put into making intramurals what it is today. All three of them would be headlining that first Hall of Fame class.

Now another intramural year is beginning and everyone is interested to see who will make their way into next year's Hall of Fame. Will Jon Liberty finally win that basketball championship he has been promising for three years? Will Chris Harper stay healthy long enough to complete an Intramural season? Will anyone be able to stop the B-League Tazerbacks? Can Kon Tiki win yet another Softball Championship?

Keep your eye out for Hall of Fame newcomers!

Women's Soccer ends road trip with a win

BY D. E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

On Sept. 18th, the Women's Soccer Team had a chance to do something that before they had come up so many times short during this season. They left McDaniel College with a 3-0 victory, the first of the season.

By netting three goals in the second half, the Lady Mules snapped a 5-game winless streak in their win over McDaniel. The win came at just the right time as the team is ending their six game road stint and beginning a home stand at Varsity Field.

Junior Nicolette Miller scored twice for the Mules in their road win this weekend. "We wanted to disregard the first five games and just forget what happened before," said Miller of the Mules unlucky start of the season. The Lady Mules outshot the McDaniel Green Terror by a count of 20-5, with the majority of their shots coming in the second half.

Freshman CJ Gfatzter scored the first goal for the Mules when she headed in a cross from Sophomore Alyssa Meola in the 53rd minute. Along with Miller's two goals, the Mules put up three goals in the win, the most goals scored so far this season by the Lady Mules Soccer Team.

Junior Goaltender Michele Toher also had a great game as she recorded her 10th career blank sheet and had 6 saves off Green Terror scoring opportunities.



Sophomore Natalie Wizel assisted on Junior Nico-

lette Miller's first goal.

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MULINGS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Volleyball
Spartan Invitational (York)
Sept. 24-25

24th
vs. Rowan 3:00
vs. Virginia Wesleyan 9:00
25th
vs. St. Mary's 10:00
Sept. 29th
vs. Haverford 7:00

Field Hockey
Sept. 24th
@ Widener
7:00

Sept. 29th
Haverford
7:30

Men's Golf
Sept. 25th
Gettysburg
(Homecoming)
1:00

Football
Sept. 25th
Gettysburg
(Homecoming)
1:00

Men's Soccer
Sept. 25th
Gettysburg
(Homecoming)
7:00

Sept. 29th
@ Dickinson
5:00

Women's Soccer
Sept. 25th
Scranton
(Homecoming)
4:00

Sept. 28th
Haverford
7:00

Women's Tennis
Sept. 25-26
ITA Southeast Regional
(Mary Washington)

Impressive strides at first two Cross Country meets

BY GIL M. SCHPERO
SPORTS WRITER

On Sept. 3, 2010, the Men and Women's Cross Country Teams traveled a short distance to open both their seasons at the Lehigh Invitational. The competition at this race grew from last year, adding two other Division I schools, Navy (women only) and Rider, and one more Division III team, Widner (men only).

The Mule Men came in third out of eight teams, trailing only two Division I opponents (Rider University and Lehigh University). In the events ten-year history, the Mules have only once placed better, in 2007, when they came in second to Lehigh. The team also improved upon its performances in the past and set a meet record of placing three runners in the top 20. Senior Bobby Torphy placed in the top 10 for the second year in a row, this year coming in seventh to six Division I athletes holding a time of 19:11.3. Sophomore Brendan Smith had the best race of his career, finishing 12th (third among Division III runners) with a time of 19:29.4. Freshman Bobby McGetrick had a stellar collegiate debut finishing in 18th place with a time of 19:37.0.

The other Mule Men followed right behind with Senior Ryan Wilson, Freshman Charlie Kline, Junior William Lowrey, and Senior Adam Kingsbury, all finishing within one minute of the Mules top time of 19:11.3.

This can only mean good things for the future, with seven runners finishing so closely we will hope to see the pack tighter to bring even more historic results in the future.

The Mule Women also did exceptionally well in the Lehigh Invitational placing seventh out of nine teams, led by Senior Kim Bier in 40th place with a time of 24:40.5.

Sophomore Samantha Mayden was the second member of the Women's team to cross the line and she erased 75 seconds from her times on the same course last 2009 season. Following the top two finishers were Freshman Ramzy Burns, Sophomore Erica Bash, Junior Melissa Ugelow, new-comer and Senior Dana Tedesco, and Freshman Megan Hurlburt. Like the Mule Men, the Women were

all close together, and we expect to see some skilled pack running to take down future opponents in the coming weeks. Senior Hannah Mitchell said, "We don't really have a star, so we want to keep everyone close together and eliminate the gaps by running in packs."

With five new freshman women bringing enthusiasm and excitement to the team, we expect to see some excellent performances in the coming season.

This past week the Muhlenberg Cross Country teams travelled to Dickinson College to compete in the Long/Short Invitational, which consisted of a short race (4K) and a long race (6K for women and 8K for men).

The Mule men tied for eighth, and the women finished 14th at the Dickinson Invite. Of the four races, the first 'Berg finisher in three were freshman: Bobby McGetrick in the men's 8K, Ramzy Burns in the women's 6K, and Nicole Cronin in the women's 4K.

Crashing the youths' party was Senior Bobby Torphy, who paced all Mules in the Men's 4K, finishing 10th overall out of 211 runners in the most popular of the four runs. Junior William Lowrey was only four places behind McGetrick's 47th in the 8K, with Freshman Charlie Kline coming in 59th. The team scores combined the places of the top three runners in both the long- and short-course runs. Of the seven teams that finished ahead of the Muhlenberg Men, three (Lock Haven, Shippensburg and Millersville) are from Division II, two (Dickinson and New York University) are nationally ranked and the other two (Messiah and Christopher Newport) are regionally ranked. Messiah is ninth in the Mideast, one spot ahead of Muhlenberg. Cronin's 15th-place finish was tops for the women, while Burns came in 53rd. The Women's team was running short-handed due to the holiday.

As we look ahead, the Cross Country teams have this weekend off and their next meet will be on Friday, Oct. 1 at Lehigh for the Paul Short Run. We wish all the competitors the best of luck and a great week of rest and practice.

Lastly, we greatly apologize for the old article that was ran last week about Cross Country; we hope you find this week's update to your liking.

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Volleyball Sept. 15	
Mules	0
Moravian	3
Sept. 18	
Mules	0
McDaniel	3

Men's Soccer Sept. 15	
Mules	5
Moravian	2
Sept. 19	
Mules	1
F&M	1

Cross Country Sept. 18	
Men's 8th	
Women's 14th	

Women's Soccer Sept. 15	
Mules	0
Messiah	7
Sept. 18	
Mules	3
McDaniel	0

Field Hockey Sept. 14	
Mules	0
Drew	4
Sept. 17	
Mules	1
Washington (MD)	4

Men's Golf Sept. 16	
Moravian Fall Invitational	1st Place
Sept. 19-20	
Guy W. Kuhn Invitational	(Allegheny)
	8th Place

Football Sept. 18	
Mules	21
Susquehanna	14

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Muhlenberg football: Players pay too steep won-and-one a price for a game

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Thanks to crucial defensive stops and a balanced run and pass attack, the Muhlenberg football Mules (1-1, 1-0) defeated the Susquehanna Crusaders 21-14 on the road Saturday. Although the Mules' defense gave up 306 yards, they stopped the Crusaders when they had to, and the offense stepped up, earning 402 yards.

The Mules started the game on the defensive side of the ball and got off on the right foot, yielding no yards and forcing the Crusaders to punt. After a soaring 61 yard punt by the Crusaders, the Mules received the ball on their own 12. Sophomore quarterback Dan Deighan was exceptional on the opening drive, rushing for one first down and hitting three different receivers for three more first downs. The highlight of the drive was a 28-yard shot to senior wide receiver Bobby Bushong.

Muhlenberg had a 1-10 on the Susquehanna 24, but a 10-yard loss on a sack put them in the difficult position of being too far away for a field goal (plus, the senior kicker Michael Katz would be kicking into the wind), but too close to punt it. So, the Mules went for it but came up short of the conversion, surrendering the ball on the 23.

On the first play of the ensuing drive, the Mules stopped the run, but a personal foul advanced the ball fifteen yards. Two plays later, the Crusader quarterback and wide receiver hooked up for 32



Matt Musick's six tackles and one sack helped pace the Mules' Defense.

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BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

It's clear that older and retired NFL players are not the only athletes who have to worry about the effects of head injuries. Owen Thomas was a defensive end for the University of Pennsylvania Quakers Football Team. He was a student in UPenn's prestigious Wharton School. In early April, the junior was voted a Captain of the team. Later that month he was found dead at his off-campus home.

Thomas, who grew up in Allentown, committed suicide by hanging himself. He was only 21 years old. Recent studies on his brain show that he had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a disease some NFL players suffer from that show symptoms similar to Alzheimer's Disease: dementia, dizziness, and confusion. It has also been linked to depression. CTE is caused by sustaining numerous head injuries and mistreated concussions.

Mike Webster was a Hall of Fame center for the Pittsburgh Steelers during their championship years in the 1970s. Some doctors claimed that the head trauma he suffered in 25 years of football was equivalent to being in 25,000 car accidents. After his playing career ended, Webster suffered from severe depression and dementia. He became addicted to drugs, became homeless and died in 2002 from a heart attack. He also suffered from CTE.

Chris Benoit, a former professional wrestler, suffered from CTE. He committed suicide after killing his wife and seven-year old son in 2007.

What is most frightening is that Thomas never was diagnosed with a concussion. His mother, Katherine Brearley, said that her son started playing football around the age of nine and never showed any symptoms of a head injury.

"I can only say for myself that Owen was a very unlikely person to, in his normal state of mind, commit suicide," said Brearley. "He didn't have a history of depression. There are no significant factors that we could see that trigger that kind of action."

Although Thomas is the youngest known player to have developed CTE, it is still alarming that a 21-year old athlete, with no history of concussions, could develop a disease that would

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Men's Soccer ranked #21 in nation

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

As the end of non-conference play came to an end last Wednesday, the Men's Soccer Team was looking to come out with yet another win. Until this game, they had only conceded one goal, en route to a tie with New York University. The game was all Berg right from the start. Sophomore Midfielder Nate Squire stroked a perfect shot in the tenth minute of the game, giving the Mules a 1-0 lead, and tallying his first point of the season. The scoring did not stop there; off a punt from Senior Goalie Jason Daniels in the 29th minute of play, Junior Forward Cody Antonini tracked the ball down and with some fancy footwork beat Moravian's Goaltender. To add insult to injury, just before the half, in the 41st, Senior Forward Tommy Reilly scored his first goal of the season. Unfortunately, a minute later Moravian scored, but the Mules still lead 3-1 at the half.

The second half, much like the first was all Berg. With the support of the Mules fans, especially Squire's personal cheering section, the "Sons of Squire," he

picked up the intensity and was ready to score again. In the 60th minute, off of a corner kick, Squire hit a beautifully placed ball from 25 feet out right over the keeper's head. Giving a head nod to his group of supporters, the entire student section went wild. 15 seconds after Squire's second goal, Antonini scored yet again. As well as having two goals, Antonini was also a contributor on three assists in the game as well. The last goal of the game came when Moravian in the 70th minute, a meaningless goal at best. In the end the Mules came away with a very impressive 5-2, gearing them up for the regular season. After Berg's amazing win over Moravian, they jumped in the NCAA DIII standings from 25th to 21st, a very impressive feat.

The first Centennial Conference game of the season featured the Mules against the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats, a team that has been struggling thus far with a record of just three wins, two losses, and one tie. The Men's Team dominated the first half in the shot category with eight, compared to Franklin and Marshall's lonely one shot on net. 'Berg broke the 0-0

tie, very early on with a wonderful shot by Squire in the fourteenth minute of play. After a shot was taken the F&M goalie punched the ball in effort to clear it, Squire headed the loose ball past the keeper.

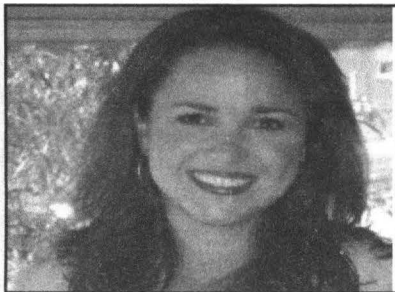
Neither team was able to capitalize on opportunities the rest of the half. The Dips dominated in the second half, ripping eleven shots on net, while 'Berg only was able to get two shots off. The entire team was feeling the frustration. In the midst of all the frustration, F&M scored off of a throw in to tie the game. At the end of regulation, the score was still 1-1. After one overtime, the game was still tied. Yet again, another game was going to be sent to double over time. An all out defensive game by both sides allowed the game to finish in a 1-1 tie. Not the result Berg was looking for, but still much better than a loss.

Their next game is Sat., Sept. 25th against the Gettysburg University Diplomats during the upcoming Homecoming weekend.

Anyone with free time should go, as it will be a game you surely do not want to miss.

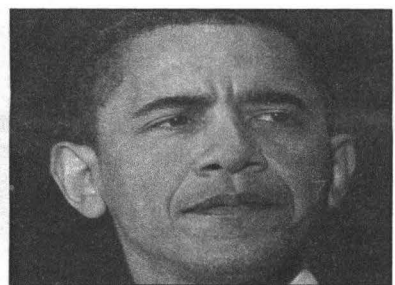


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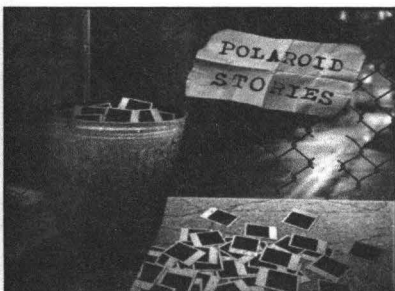
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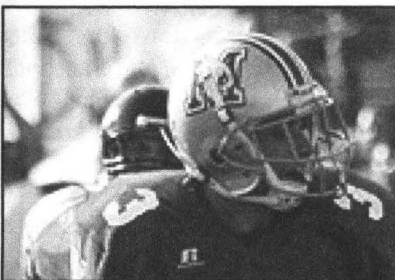
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Mules mangle Bullets on
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Muhlenberg Presents Your King and Queen

BY JESSICA HARRIS & LILY CHASE-LUBITZ
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Sat., Sept. 25, the college announced and adorned Ari Brandsdorfer and Kamila Jacob as homecoming king and queen at halftime of the football game. After the excitement subsided, the Muhlenberg Weekly sat down with Ari and Kamila to talk to them about their feelings on winning their respective titles, as well as their plans for the future.

Muhlenberg Weekly: What is your major?

Ari Brandsdorfer: Biology major, Dance minor

Kamila Jacob: Sociology and double minor in Spanish and African-American studies

MW: What are your interests/what are you involved in on campus?

AB: I'm a brother of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, a member of Muhlenberg College EMS, and a member of the Muhlenberg Dance Association.

KJ: President of Comunidad

Latina, member of the BSA, ASL, and Rejoice! (Gospel choir). I'm a tour guide, an RA, and a multicultural ambassador. I go to Community Bike Works and the Second Mile. I am a proud sister of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority Inc. I also work with Allentown youth council.

MW: What are your plans after graduation? What do you ultimately hope to do?

AB: I hope to attend Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia, PA and ultimately become an orthopedic surgeon who works primarily with injured dancers and athletes.

KJ: I want to be home for a while, and find work in the city. Then I'll hopefully leave the country, perhaps end up in South America again, and then grad school.

MW: How did you feel about your nomination?

AB: I was surprised! A few of my friends mentioned nominating me but I thought they were kidding.

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Ari Brandsdorfer and Kamila Jacob pose after crowning ceremony

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Center for Ethics Hosts Dr. Heather Douglas

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
 WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

For the 2010-2011 school year the Center of Ethics and the Political Science department are hosting

ogy, introduced Dr. Heather Douglas and gave a synopsis of her lecture. Douglas began her lecture by going through the scientific process: 1- decide to do science 2- choose a research question 3- select a methodology 4- actually doing the experiment 5- decide on results and 6- apply results.

Then Douglas spoke about how scientists' morals should be involved with each step of the scientific process, which was the main theme of her lecture. For example, ethical/ social values should be reasons why or why not scientists choose to test a certain subject and scientists should not choose to test a certain subject based on whether or not they know the results. Also, when scientists are characterizing data they should use inductive risk, which Douglas commented, "Values are relevant, however, to whether one is sure enough about one's characterization." Douglas believed that a similar idea should be applied to deciding upon results. Next, Douglas discussed why values are needed in the scientific process, which she believes is because "it needs



Douglas speaks about her new book

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"Face"-ing Controversy

This past week Facebook cofounder Mark Zuckerberg made headlines with his \$100 million donation to the Newark, NJ school district, which has notoriously been known for having the worst-in-class public schools in the state. This philanthropic gesture has come under fire as a ploy simply to discount the poor representation of Zuckerberg in the motion picture *The Social Network*, which opens in theaters tomorrow, Fri. Oct. 1. The movie purportedly casts Zuckerberg in a bad light regarding the founding of the popular website, which yielded the millions of dollars he is now giving away.

According to critics, this portrayal is part of the impetus for the donation in order for Zuckerberg to counteract the bad press associated with his character's role in the movie. While many are questioning this conveniently-timed contribution, Newark city officials are welcoming the unprecedented gift. The school system is obviously in need of these monetary resources no matter where they come from or why.

Even though Zuckerberg has no blatant connections to the city of Newark and there is a great possibility that his motives are not entirely altruistic, it does not change the fact that the Newark school system was in dire need of augmented finances. If the intention behind every grant and endowment was questioned, we would have no foundations or not-for-profit organizations designed to help those in need of monetary assistance or services.

Why does the public feel the need to have a running commentary on the generosity of any famous person? If one becomes affluent enough to have the luxury of handing out huge sums of money, then who are we to tell them how to divide it? Mark Zuckerberg is doing a service to a community in need. So what if it is a publicity stunt? The end result is still the same.

The issue of education is a wise investment for such a large sum of money. The country's education system is ranked twenty-sixth in the world. Zuckerberg is not merely giving a city a hand out; he is investing in the future of the United States of America.

Rahm's role

BY ALEXANDER BROTMAN
Op/Ed Writer

The role of Chief of Staff to the President has always been a tough one, but one thing is for sure. Rahm Emanuel hasn't been doing that great of a job. I have

read a lot about Emanuel, dating back to his role in the campaign and in the Democratic turnaround of the House and Senate in the 2006 midterm elections. He was pivotal in that role as head of the Re-election Committee for Democrats, but his power has quickly gone to his head.

Friends say he is too pushy, even going so far as to say that he gets in the way of White House policy. I believe that this is true. Bob Woodward has a new book now available called *Obama's Wars*, which highlights a similar point, not just with Emanuel but with the role he occupies.

The Chief of Staff is arguably the second hardest position in the White House besides the President, and is maybe even harder than Vice President. It is a role that one cannot take lightly, but Mr. Emanuel has pushed it to the limit, staying too close to the dirty Chicago politics that keep plaguing so many politicians from the Windy City.

He is known to have a bad temper, slamming knives into tables at fundraisers and hanging up on pollsters because he doesn't agree with them. The real thing that disturbs me now is how quick he is to say he wants to take over Mayor Daley's old job in Chicago. That is kind of unsettling. I mean, was the White House really all that bad?

Going from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Midwest is a big transition, but Mayor of Chicago? My guess is he wants to establish more of a political rule via his own standards and not get bossed around by some of the other members in his own party. Whether Chicago is the right venue for him to do this is his problem, not mine, but we all have something to say in this.

The Chief of Staff is supposed to keep the President's friends close, but his enemies closer, and not get himself into trouble. He also, now that I think about it, hasn't made many interviews - hardly any at all over the past few years. That is another crucial sign that this man has got to go.

His biggest achievement came four years ago—the Democratic midterm election victory in 2006. His lowest points are coming now, as he continues to provide misleading evidence on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and draw those around him into a dangerous cavern of mistrust. Going from Washington to Chicago? At least go out in style. Emanuel is a politician's worst nightmare, because he is a politician when he doesn't need to be, and that is hardly what I can imagine Chicago wanting right now.

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VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

book page. Your cell phone is attached to your hip, literally giving you (if male) testicular cancer as you read this. We can have face-to-face conversations with someone thousands of miles away via hand-held devices. Our computers have transformed from large, unmanageable machines to portable laptops you can lift with your pinky to ones that you can literally hold in the palm of your hand and browse the Internet. Just think how far we have come in twenty short years! Of course our generation is doomed.

In those same twenty years we now have cyber suicides, internet porn, Craig's List killers, identity theft, terrorist websites and recruiting forums, hackers, cyber stalkers, and so on. All of this has come about these two decades.

The gray area, where it's undecided among scholars whether this progress is good or bad, lies in the social networking websites and forums that we all take part in each and every day. One scholar who has studied the effect of virtual social networking fears that we are committing an act of "suicide" through our die hard obsession with ourselves via social media. Emile Durkheim believes that because we are committing ourselves to falsified 'friendships' on sites like Facebook, we are losing touch with reality. "The friends on one's 'friend list' may not even be a friend. They could be ac-

quaintances or people you just met," according to Durkheim, and therefore "by browsing these pages, people become so absorbed into a virtual world that they become disconnected from reality."

Text messaging is also raising some concerns because of the way in which conversations via text take away from true conversations that would require some level of social skills. Conversations that would have normally been eventful or informative have turned into one word sentences like "sup?" or "Lmfao." Most individuals would rather send an email or shoot over a text instead of calling someone due to the potential awkwardness of the conversation, or pure laziness.

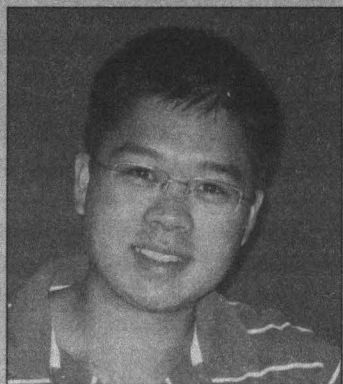
A final media platform to not only be aware of, but stay away from at all costs, is the social networking devices that allow you to voluntarily broadcast your every move. Two quick examples that stick out are Twitter and FourSquare. We as a society are so obsessed with ourselves that we want everyone to know exactly where we are at every second of our lives. It is bad enough that we tag or de-tag every single photo of ourselves for everyone to see (And face it, you know the only reason you even look at photos on Facebook is to see how sexy you were looking last night). But now we are literally broadcasting to the world every step

and thought we take! To whom you ask? Our followers! Does the word "stalking" ring a bell? And then we compete for who has the most followers! Is that not that most narcissistic idea you have ever heard? On top of it all, we then have this application on our portable handheld cell phones that can actually, through GPS location detection, post exactly where we are standing virtually anywhere in the world. Everyone, I mean everyone from Santa Claus to that rapist on Craig's List that lives five miles down the road can find you with ease.

You are probably thinking, 'No way, only my friends can see where I am.' Are you really that naive? If Osama Bin Laden wanted to know where you were, while he sits miserably in the crack of some mountain in the deepest darkest cavern of Hell, he would be able to find your location without exerting much effort at all. Oh wait, don't forget that your Twitter, Foursquare, and Facebook accounts are all linked. So when you post where you are on Foursquare, say what you're thinking on Twitter, and then throw a picture up from your cell on Facebook, everyone will know everything that is going on in your life at that time.

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Iran thinks it can keep fooling us



Today's Issues

ADAM YU
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

Last week's opening of the UN General Assembly provided more proof of Iran's perpetual belligerence in the Middle East. Every year it is the same old story. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad didn't let us down this year with his predictable inflammatory rhetoric. The same issues always arise when he rants. Iran's uranium enrichment program, his hatred of the State of Israel, and his anti-American sentiments took center stage as he shouted from the General Assembly podium.

Once again, Ahmadinejad is sticking to his claim that Iran's uranium enrichment program is only intended for peaceful purposes. The true intentions of Iran have been spelled out in a quote by Hassan Rouhani, one of Iran's nuclear negotiators, "While we were talking to

the Europeans in Tehran, we were installing equipment in parts of the facility in Isfahan... in fact, by creating a calm environment, we were able to complete the work on Isfahan." Just so you know, the facility in Isfahan now houses several nuclear reactors and enriches yellowcake uranium which produces weapons-grade uranium.

The list keeps on going with Iran's suspicious behavior. On Sept. 26, 2009, the US and other Western countries discovered a secret, underground enrichment facility in Iran. It is located near the secluded, mountainous city of Q'om. Iran knowingly delayed informing the international community about this facility and violated international law by not disclosing information to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). I guess we ruined their plans by stumbling upon this well kept secret (which, by the way, is supposedly run by Iran's Revolutionary Guard). Believe it or not, a few days after the unveiling of the hidden Q'om facility, Iran carried out missile tests and military exercises demonstrating its incessant belligerence. This is not the first time the Iranian regime has been elusive. Back in 2006, the UN passed a resolution calling for Iran to end its enrichment program, which led to the regime's outspoken objection and it also prevented IAEA inspectors from visiting a large underground enrichment facility in Natanz.

Not only are the actions of Iran an obvious sign of its true colors, but statements made by Ahmadinejad can not be taken lightly. We can't simply ignore the words coming from one of the world's most notorious leaders. Iran's president

made his guiding principles known when uttering statements such as, "Anybody who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury" and "Iran is ready to transfer nuclear know-how to the Islamic countries due to their need." What can we make of his goals? He obviously hates Westerners, he wants to cause physical harm and destruction to Israel and its people, and he is perfectly ready to pass along the much sought after answers to nuclear power to others in the Middle East. Wonderful!

Year after year, Iran has been heightening tensions and creating headaches for the rest of the world due to its lack of cooperation.

The bottom line is Iran must never attain the capability to develop or use nuclear weapons. A nuclear Iran will lead to instability in the Middle East, an even more vulnerable Israel, and an empowered state sponsor of terrorism with an in-house supply of weapons of mass destruction.

Despite this ongoing struggle with Iranian stubbornness, President Obama and the other permanent members of the UN Security Council as well as Germany are still expected to hold more talks with Iran. Future attempts at diplomacy, however ineffective they will probably prove to be, are worth another shot. One thing these powers ought to keep in mind while trying to negotiate with Iran is its past elusive and antagonistic behavior. When dealing with such a misbehaved country we have to be strong and unwav-

ering in our demands.

Any concessions the US and the other powers make must come with meaningful conditions for Iran to comply with. Iran and its president must publicly denounce international terrorism and demonstrate actual efforts to crack down on radical groups operating within Iranian borders and with Iranian support. Let's not forget Iran is a known state sponsor of terror and lends support to groups such as Hezbollah and al Qaeda. If Iran is to continue its nuclear enrichment program under the cover of "peaceful" purposes, then it must comply fully with regular inspections by the IAEA. No exceptions can be made with Iran. No kicking inspectors out and locking doors. We must require the same transparency and standards that every nuclear power is held to.

It would not be wise for President Obama and the leaders of the permanent five plus Germany to cave in to Iranian demands. Ahmadinejad is stalling for more time, and we can not afford to grant him more time.

The world is not being unfair to Iran as many people might have us believe. The best judge is past behavior. Iran has tried to keep secrets, has been an instigator for instability, has actively backed known terrorists, and has been elusive. The hard-line that I am suggesting did not come out of thin air, but in response to the incessant belligerence of Iran and Ahmadinejad. Being tough on Iran is nothing more than going by precedent.

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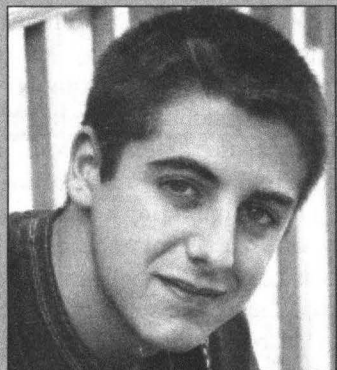
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Small Business Jobs Act: an illusion



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
Op/Ed Columnist

This past Monday, President Obama signed a \$30 billion small business lending bill into law. The bill, titled the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, was aimed at expanding loan programs through the Small Business Administration (SBA), strengthening business preference programs for federal government projects, and providing incentives for exporters. Unfortunately, the new law is more likely to make our apparent economic disparities even more pronounced. Rather than "saving the middle class" via progressive investments, the act builds off of corrupt theories of economics and distracts us from the veiled exploitative reality of small businesses.

Before I make my case, let's check out the main provisions of the new law. First off, there are increased deductions for trade or business startup expenses, making it easier for Joe Entrepreneur to start his own company. Then we have the "zero tax rate on capital gains from IRC § 1202 small business stock" which means that people with stock in "quali-

fied small businesses" aren't charged and arm and a leg for capital gains taxes making life a qualifying investor quite a bit easier. Additionally, the new law allows self-employed individuals who deduct the cost of health insurance for themselves and their families to take the deduction into account in calculating net earnings for tax purposes. This means that individuals who own their own business and pay for their own health care can now claim that they made less money on their taxes, in turn allowing them to pay less.

Although the list of provisions goes on ad nauseam, they are all constructed to create the same effect: making it easier and cheaper for small business owners to access loans from the banks and pay as little taxes as possible. Both the Democratic and Republican Parties will claim that there is a correct balance between keeping the governments hands off of businesses and squeezing every penny out of small businesses via taxes.

The aforementioned \$30 billion goes into a lending fund to which the means of appropriating funds is offered not into the hands of the people but to our nation's nearly 8,000 "community" banks. Using interest rates, the banks can leverage the loan 10 to 1, turning that \$30 billion into \$300, according to Paul Merski, the Independent Community Bankers of America's chief economist. Giving money to banks and tax cuts to businesses in hopes of boosting the economy and consequently the livelihood of the working class is classic trickle-down economics.

Historically, the trickle-down theory has been the foundation for the blight known as Reaganomics and neoliberal-

ism, as well as having a hand in causing the Great Depression. Opponents of the trickle-down approach often identify with Keynesian economics and trickle-up or bubble-up theories, which attempt to put money directly into the hands of the working class for the purpose of spending and creating small businesses. As you can see, the new law has some elements of the trickle-up theory, as it is indirectly attempting to bolster the creation of small businesses.

Proponents of each side, when caught up in the rhetoric that fuels the heated debates over the merits of trickle-

down and trickle-up become unknowingly afflicted with the most unfortunate myopia. They lack the ability to step back and critically examine the injustice inherent in their shared economic frameworks. Both sides of the debate over how to help small businesses can be characterized by their adherence to ideological liberalism, or more easily understood as the emphasis on capitalism and the right to own property.

The acceptance of our rights to own property and appropriate our property in the form of capital is partly what defines us as Americans; liberalism was born of the Enlightened West and incarnated in the liberal unrest that came to be the American Revolution. Although there are egalitarian roots to be found in classical

liberalism, the modern common strands in liberal thought include individualism and all the paternalism that comes along with meliorism. By creating an avenue for the emergence of individual corporate bodies through a liberalist frame-

work, we are further ingraining the notion of property as a right.

The ability to own property and use it to create more profit for ourselves is fundamentally exploitative. Liberal doctrine, which evolved partly out of a European sense of mercantilism, works off of the assumption that there is a fixed amount of wealth

in the world and we as individuals must race to get our share of it. Thus, the idea of personal property in conjunction with mercantilism drives competition.

The Small Business Jobs Act is in essence striving for an ideal amount of competition among the general public. Such competition engenders hierarchies in the means of production, ultimately leading to the stymieing of humanistic progress. As long as the banks, as private agencies, are given the power to appropriate their entitled capital in the form of loans, the small business owners will be exploited. Furthermore, as long as small business owners control their means for production, those that provide the necessary wage labor for such businesses will be exploited. The Small Business Jobs Act is yet another fetter for the working class disguised as a gift for the people. In reality, the law enables those in power to preserve the overall status quo. Sorry, working class, it looks like you've been fooled again.

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Is it "Love at the 'Berg"...or indifference?

BY MEGHAN BUTLER
Op/Ed Writer

I am writing in response to the article entitled "Love at the 'Berg'" from the Sept. 16th issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. Additionally, the parody written in response to "Love at the 'Berg'" entitled "Love at the 'Berg: Where 'Parody' Thrives" this past week was mildly amusing yet highly unproductive. There are issues raised in the 'Love' article that can't be resolved or discussed further through the use of sarcasm. To let something as obviously naïve as the aforementioned article go unacknowledged would be perpetuating an issue of apathetic students on campus.

Much of the "Love at the 'Berg'" article initially read as optimism, but was quickly realized to be ignorance. The author mentions in the beginning of the article that cliques do not exist at Muhlenberg yet goes on to discuss only a very select few organizations at Muhlenberg - Greek life, Hillel, and Christian organi-

zations, all of which are some of the most exclusive groups on campus. There are many different communities within the "Muhlenbubble," and yes, they do often overlap and yes, many people on campus mesh with more than one community. However, to say that cliques do not exist on campus and that "Greek life, religion, and relationships... show no discrimination at Muhlenberg" is a fallacy.

The process of "rushing" Greek life is entirely based on discrimination and judgment. Girls in sororities spend a week judging underclassmen girls who are vying to become a part of their exclusive society and then choosing which girls are the best "match." Additionally, religious life at Muhlenberg is only ever discussed in relation to two religions - Christianity and Judaism. While

it is great that both Jewish and Christian students on campus feel comfortable expressing their religious beliefs...there are students on campus who are Muslim, Atheist, Buddhist, and so on but their religious practices go unrecognized on campus. It is not mentioned that there

is an opportunity to learn more about another religion by visiting the Hillel House. Food and laundry are the only reasons noted for attending Hillel. While the food at Hillel is great and it is nice to do laundry for free, those are not the rea-

sons that Hillel exists. Hillel can provide insight into a different religion for those who are not of the Jewish faith and it can promote religious understanding.

The article touches on a very small sample of relationships that occur on campus, namely a friendship between

two girls in different sororities, and a heterosexual romantic relationship. While I did not expect the author to discuss every possible relationship on campus, I was hoping for a wider variety. What about relationships between those who partake in Greek life and those who do not, and relationships between people of different races? Why isn't race mentioned at all in the article? Furthermore, why is the only romantic relationship mentioned between a chivalrous man and a woman who cannot carry her own books? The article perpetuated gender stereotypes and completely ostracized the LGBTQ-IA population on campus.

Muhlenberg students, and furthermore people everywhere, must open their eyes to discrimination and accept that it does exist. To claim that it does not exist is a great disservice to those discriminated against and a crime against social justice. To be indifferent to discriminatory acts, be they intentional or unintentional, is bulls***.

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The “feminism” of Christine O’Donnell

By KAT SILVERSTEIN
Op/Ed Writer

Did you
know that
science

tists have engineered mice with human brains? No? How about that old evolution theory? Don’t you think that if it were true, monkeys would still be evolving into humans? No? Okay then, you probably have no idea that masturbation constitutes adultery. Oh, you *do*!

“You can’t masturbate without lust,” opined Christine O’Donnell on a 1996 episode on MTV in her most infamous sound bite. The Tea Party darling and Republican Senatorial nominee for the State of Delaware appeared on the program with the goal of promoting chastity as the ultimate track towards a Christ-driven life.

The distinctions between chastity and abstinence, in addition to other subtleties, ultimately got lost in the recent media storm that dredged up the clips. O’Donnell had become the Palin of the midseason primaries; the gift that kept on giving. A rush of other questionable statements recorded on video emerged, pegging O’Donnell as anti-AIDS funding, anti-Pride parade, and even anti-witchcraft. Liberals gleefully heralded the surety of her defeat—if not in the primaries, then in the general elections—while the masturbation story made its way to critique and ridicule on everything from *The O’Reilly Factor* to *The Colbert Report*.

Then O’Donnell defeated Mike Castle, whom she had painted as a Re-

publican in name only in the primaries. The game has stayed the same: liberals focusing on her ridiculousness to ensure a Democratic victory, seemingly uninterested in any other strategy. It’s easy to dismiss O’Donnell as a fringe lunatic, but keeping her at arms’ length isn’t doing liberals any favors. It’s time to start taking O’Donnell seriously as a candidate. What kinds of policy would she support if elected? And what does she represent for American women, feminists, and their allies?

In terms of fiscal policy, O’Donnell adheres strictly to the Tea Party’s guidelines of conservative purity—no on Cap and Trade, no on tax hikes, in support of market-based job creation and energy reform. Socially, as may be expected, she is very conservative: her website boasts her support “for the sanctity of life at ALL stages” and her belief that “our country was founded on core values of faith, family and freedom.” She fits the traditional conservative mold and—wait, *what* did she just say?

“...I consider myself an authentic feminist,” O’Donnell professed to conservative blogger Melissa Clouthier. “Not as defined by the modern movement... I was an English major, so I’ll break it down: -ist means one who celebrates. As a feminist, I celebrate my femininity.”

With a nod to the surface idiocy of the statement—by her definition, any woman who adheres to traditionally feminine conventions (i.e. most young Hollywood starlets) is a feminist—we also can recog-

nize the seeds of Sarah Palin feminism and the wrath of the Mama Grizzlies. In the interview, O’Donnell admits that she had to overcome some initial reluctance towards the term, but she now credits her success and the rise of other female conservatives to her own feminine instinct towards protecting future generations. Like Sarah Palin, O’Donnell’s embrace of the Mama Grizzly archetype—no-frills, folksy mothers who rear up in defense of their threatened cubs—reduces a woman to her mothering capacity, just one of her many potential roles. O’Donnell takes this gender essentialism and moves it one step further, saying, “we celebrate our strengths, rather than trying to eradicate the differences [between men and women] and become like men. So, we can serve in what has been predominately a male-dominated field, especially in Congress, without sacrificing our femininity, and as a matter of fact it is those truly authentic feminine qualities that will make us good.” Here, O’Donnell couches her regressive rhetoric in ideals more suited to the Girl Power co-optation of feminism in the 1990s—an understanding that girls—never call them women—could do whatever they want, as long as they remained in line with the dominant beauty ideal. O’Donnell conflates the traditional feminist aim of doing away with outdated gender stereotypes with wanting to “become like men.”

Her purported female “strengths,” it is implied, are exactly the type of pseu-

do-neuroscience nonsense that feminists have railed against for centuries—women are hard-wired to be nurturing, while men are naturally aggressive, etc. O’Donnell conveniently forgets that feminism exists, at its core, as an anti-oppression movement for *all* women. Indeed, if O’Donnell is a feminist, she is a feminist only for white, chaste, heterosexual, Christian, feminine, able-bodied, cissexual, non-impooverished, non-single mother status women.

It is in this vein that O’Donnell’s oppressive social platforms should truly inspire cognitive dissonance in her supporters. A self-proclaimed feminist who wants to limit a woman’s control and understanding of her own body?

And yet, for O’Donnell, motherhood *is* feminism. Would a feminist accept an endorsement from the Family Research Council, an organization that implores Americans to “defend traditional marriage” and “stand against social experimentation in the US military” on the front page of its website?

By ignoring and ridiculing O’Donnell’s potential impact on legislative decisions, liberals risk a social conservative victory where the traditional hierarchies that anti-oppressionist movements have worked so hard to dismantle remain firmly in place. Christine O’Donnell has co-opted progressive rhetoric to capture the women’s vote, where a true feminist candidate would support a completely different social platform. Christine O’Donnell is no feminist.

“Dangerous knowledge”

By ETHAN SIMON
Op/Ed Writer

How do we choose our scientific endeavors? With limited resources, such a question is crucial in that our answer determines what we may one day know, or not

know. Dr. Heather Douglas, a professor of philosophy from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and our first distinguished visitor for this fall’s Center for Ethics series, *Science and Sensibility*, argues that since we are responsible for all of the foreseeable consequences of our research, we must relinquish the acquisition of knowledge if failing to do so may result in serious harm to society. While maintaining a safe global environment is important, perhaps it is less so than fostering human progress. Preventing exploration on the basis of the foreseeable negative consequences it may produce may result in foregoing unforeseeable positive consequences of that same exploration.

To provide the group with a concrete example of the potential harm associated with research, Dr. Douglas described research in Australia for which, if the results were disseminated, would allow any groups with deep enough pockets to enrich uranium more efficiently and surreptitiously than if they had access only to current technology. Since Iran’s uranium enrichment program has been widely publicized

and feared, we may be enticed to forbid this type of militaristic research that has been undertaken in Australia, but how exactly do we monitor such research and how can we simply forbid innovation on this level? Dr. Douglas recognizes that charging an international body with this duty is unfeasible given the obvious conflicts of interest between nations, so she argues that scientists themselves and policy makers responsible for doling out research funds should take this duty upon themselves.

But this is absurd! Assuming that wealthy and powerful nations such as the United States have the financial advantage over others to attain this “dangerous knowledge,” as Dr. Douglas calls it, why would policy makers yield to an unrealistic and perhaps naïve proposition? If we do not carry out such research, other nations will simply catch up to and even surpass our current levels of technology, which, although can be used to harm others, can also be used to deter others from harming us. Although the nuclear arms race is a somewhat recent phenomenon, the more general concept is imbedded in our history and to suggest that we drop out of that race is simply... *not sensible*. It would be nice if all exploration into devices of destruction ceased, but for now, I’d rather be the one with the weapons than the defenseless vigilante telling others not to wield them.

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that should be enough for us not to want to engage in social networking at all, but focus on the pure act of posting your life for everyone to see. Why do we NEED to know that everyone can “see” us, even from a distance? Why do we post new photos more than once a week, and change our profile picture as often as we wash our hair?

Our self-involved, egotistical, boasting individuality society is beginning to transform. Our “social connections” over the past twenty years have changed from handwritten letters, to typed ones, to faxes, to emails, to next-to-no-word text messages, to posts and comments on websites. We are no longer connected through social bonds as one would think, but virtual bondage where “LOL” and “ttyl” may be the only sentences that we share with a “friend” because you commented on one of their posed images in their album titled, “ :) Ma Gurlz 2.” Our society has picked up and moved to a virtual landscape in no more than twenty years, crumbling right before our eyes. It is even possible to sink any further?

Write for Op/Ed.

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It was cool to be nominated, there was a diverse group of people from my class in the 20 nominated and it continued through to the court

MW: How did you feel about winning?

AB: It was surreal. To look out at the crowd and see all my friends and my fraternity brothers cheering for me was an experience I'll remember for the rest of my life.

KJ: I was surprised...everyone is very active on campus and very friendly, it could have been anyone.

MW: What was the process like?

AB: This was definitely a unique process. I was shocked by the number of people who came up and congratulated me. Alumni who I've never met would talk to me about their homecoming experiences. Overall I had a great time.

KJ: It was strange seeing my name on the sandwich board for the 10 nominees and then again for the 5. It was weird thinking that people were voting to see me in

a tiara and sash, holding flowers.

MW: How did you feel about the interview process?

AB: I had a great time in the interview! I guess the most interesting question I was asked was "if the Muhlenberg mascot wasn't a mule, what do you think it should be?" I answered that the mascot should be the clock tower however I'm more than content with the mule.

KJ: The interview process was good, the panel included people from different branches, representing Muhlenberg. The questions were good and it was a nice atmosphere where people seemed like they genuinely wanted to hear my answers.

MW: Any words for the student body?

AB: Stay pretty.

KJ: Thanks to the Seniors for exercising your right to vote and to everyone who came out to support me participating in our Muhlenberg homecoming tradition!

Congratulations to Ari and Kamila, all of the rest of the equally deserving students on this year's homecoming court

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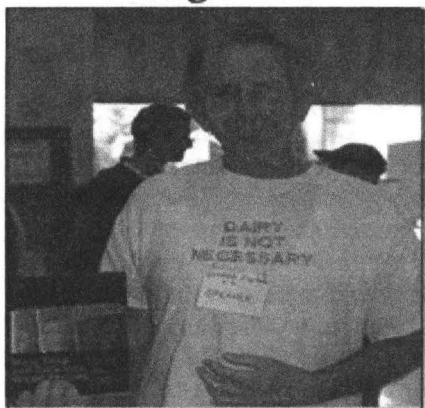
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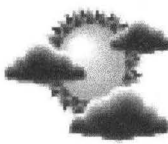


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George Eisman, a Registered Dietitian based in New York, is stopping here on a national public speaking tour informing people about the Health, Environmental, and Social Benefits of moving toward a Plant-Based, Organic, and Locally-Sourced Diet. He also discusses the possible Nutritional shortcomings of Vegetarian and Vegan Diets when done without proper information. Mr. Eisman is the author of *Don't Let Your Diet Add to Your Cancer Risk*.

Look out for information about an informal lunchtime meeting with Mr. Eisman in the new Campus Restaurant on the same day

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Sunny, and Breezy	Partly Sunny and cool
High: 70 Low: 49	High: 63 Low: 40	High: 62 Low: 40

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 20 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 20 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found ID card and key. Attempts were made to contact the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner later picked up the items.

Sept. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – In East Hall, there was a report of vandalism. An unknown actor threw marshmallows on the northeast corner outside of the building. Plant Operations were notified to clean the area.

Sept. 20 – Found Property – On Chew St., there was a report of a found driver's license belonging to a non-Muhlenberg student. The owner was unable to be contacted. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 21 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 21 – Institutional Vandalism – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of graffiti. Various words were spray painted on walls and doors. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations were notified to clean the area.

Sept. 21 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. Health Center personnel, Allentown EMS, and Muhlenberg College EMS responded to the scene.

Sept. 21 – Larceny/Theft – On

campus, there was a report of theft of keys and a Muhlenberg College ID card. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 21 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, training room, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 21 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, field house, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. No transport was needed.

Sept. 22 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a found ID card and key. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner was notified and will pick up the items.

Sept. 22 – Injured Student – In Trexler Pavilion, lower level, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the Health Center.

Sept. 22 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found backpack. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 22 – Hit and Run – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run. There was damage to the bumper of a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 23 – Harassment – Off campus, there was a report of a student harassing another individual. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding

– At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to an aerosol spray. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 23 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a report of theft of a wallet and keys from Main Gate. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Allentown Fire Department responded. The alarm was due to a faulty detector. The alarm company was notified to respond and fix the detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 23 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, upper level, a student reported that an ID card was taken from the counter at the Campus Restaurant while getting food to go. The ID card was deactivated and the student was issued a replacement card.

Sept. 24 – Disruptive Conduct – On Allen St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Residents were explained of the Disruptive Conduct Policy. No Disruptive Conduct Report was issued.

Sept. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Walz Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to an aerosol spray. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 24 – Injured Visitor – On the front drive, there was a report of an injured visitor. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. The individual was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 24 – Found Property – Off campus, there was a report of a

found wallet. The owner was notified to pick up the item at Campus Safety. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 24 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found wallet and keys. A message was left for the owner to pick up the items at Campus Safety. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 24 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found ID card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at Campus Safety.

Sept. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At 2251 Turner St., building #5, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. The student was arrested for Underage Drinking and Drunkenness by Allentown Police Department.

Sept. 25 – Lost Property – In Walson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Sept. 25 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The Disruptive Conduct Policy was explained to the residents of the house. No further action was taken.

Sept. 25 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, everyone left the area. A Campus Safety officer explained the Disruptive Conduct Policy to the residents. No further action was taken.

Sept. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to a hair dryer. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 26 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 26 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 26 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found wallet. The wallet was placed in the lost and found locker and was later claimed by the owner.

Sept. 26 – Larceny/Theft – In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of theft of a purse and cell phone from a room. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 26 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Sept. 26 – Found Property – In Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner later claimed the item.

Sept. 26 – Point of Information – On campus, an individual provided second hand information regarding activities of other students possibly using and/or selling drugs. The investigation will continue.

UPDATE

Since we published our Sept. 16th article on the construction and expansion of Hillel, the opening date for the addition has been changed from Spring 2011 to Fall 2011. Please continue to read *The Weekly* for further updates.

From Shuttle Steve to Fishing Steve

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

For years, students marveled in the excitement of riding the shuttle with Steve Goosley, the driver for Muhlenberg College's shuttle system. As a freshman, I heard from various students that the best way to get around campus was by "Shuttle Steve." What many students do not know though, is that Steve has a passion for fishing and teaching others how to fish as well. With the publication of his first book, "Fishing with Steve", Steve shares his experiences as a fishing instructor for children. The book is based on the fictional story of Darien, a student who attends Steve's summer camp and learns the skills of fishing and the appreciation of the environment.

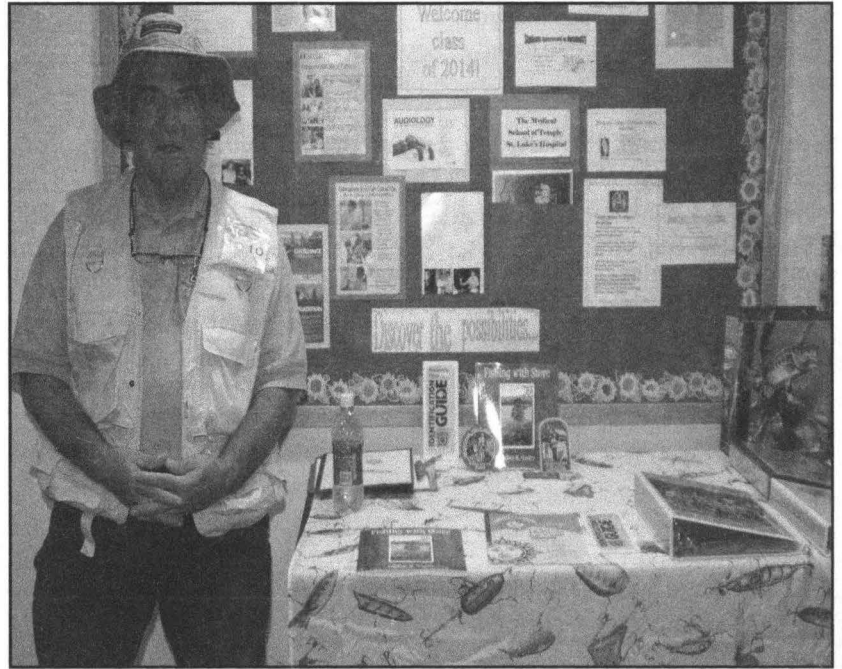
In the summer of 2000, Steve was hired as an assistant fishing instructor at the Northampton Community College's Horizon for Youth program.

For seven weeks, Steve teaches and takes students fishing in various different parks, such as Nockamixon State Park and the Lehigh River. Students from grades 3rd to 9th grade,

learn how to tie fishing knots, attach bobbers and bait hooks. They also learn the basics of fishing properly and being safe while on the waters.

After classroom instruction and basic techniques are taught, Steve then takes students to parks and lakes to try out their newly learned fishing knowledge. Steve admits that the best part of teaching students how to fish is to see their faces when they get a good catch. He takes pictures of the students and their fish, which is displayed in his book.

Steve hopes to continue informing kids about fishing and the importance of the environment. He not only uses his classes as a means of sharing his hobby, but to also teach kids to enjoy the outdoors and nature. Too often kids nowadays spend time cooped up indoors. Steve's book takes readers on a journey through Steve's summer camp. You learn about how his classes are instructed and with Darien, you discover the secrets of fishing. With the publication of his first book, Steve Goosley shows that he is a person of multiple talents.



Steve Goosley at his book signing

PHOTO BY NATALIE BENJAMIN

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reason for sufficiency assessment, there are no definite standards, other proposed values are not epistemically relevant although they are relevant to science, and scientists have a moral responsibility to consider the consequences of error in their work." Douglas continues to describe values in science, "Social and ethical values are acceptable as reasons for a choice,

values must be constrained when deciding how to characterize data and how to interpret results." Given all this Douglas believes that scientific integrity consists of maintaining the proper role for values in science, which means keeping values from acting as reasons in themselves for choices when interpreting data and results. This makes it hard for the public at large to decide which scientists to trust. Douglas gave the audience ad-

vice to make sure that experts are working within their expertise, are working competently in their area, and acting with integrity. Following Douglas's lecture she answered questions from the audience ranging from the commercialization of science to scientists and democracy. Further, this was a high attended event with students from many disciplines ranging from biology to mathematics.

Mule Express Grand Opening

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

This semester has been full of new and exciting developments, chief among them the opening of the new Campus Restaurant. What most students probably don't realize is that some aspects of the

new dining space that were in the original architectural plans almost didn't come to fruition - notably what is now called the "Mule Express". Through the hard work and determination of several Student Government Association members, however, the Mule Express had its unveiling last Thursday.

The Student Government Association funded the Mule Express last year by means of a surplus fund. The Mule Express is seen as a supplement to the various dining options on campus - one of convenience for the overloaded and overworked college student. This endeavor represents the largest scale student initiative in the College's history and as President Helm best phrased it, a "symbol of what can be achieved when we all work together".

The grand opening of the Mule Express was heralded in by a quaint ceremony led by President Helm. Helm talked of the determination of outstanding members of the College community and said that this is how "colleges get great".

Helm was followed by Jordan Sones '10, a recent graduate and Vice President of the Student Government Association last year. Sones was a huge proponent of the initiative and sat on the advisory committee for the new Campus Restaurant. After realizing that the Mule Express would not be a possibility based on the budget, Sones came up with another way to provide convenience for the student population.

Sones spoke of the Mule Express as a legacy instead of a gift because it represents what he was able to achieve after graduation. "We all want to leave this place a little bit better than the way we found it" he said, and it certainly seems like the Mule Express is an example of just that.

Sones then introduced last year's Student Government Association President, Jon Falk '10 who was also a member of the College's advisory board for the new dining hall. Falk described Seegers Union as the "heart of campus" and believed that a dining option with an easy "to-go" feature was a necessity for the college community. Falk echoed Sones' statements regarding legacy and sees the Mule Express not as only for the immediate student population, but for many generations to come.

Current Student Government Association President Sam Landman '11 then



Mule Express in the Light Lounge has prepared to-go meals.

PHOTO BY MELISSA DEL MAURO

took the stage and said that the Mule Express is evidence that "collaboration can lead to greater success". It is the "stepping stone of what students can achieve when we work at it". Landman, with the help of President Helm, then unearthed the plaque commemorating the occasion and heralded in a new era of campus dining.

As Landman said, "amazing things happen when passionate students put their heads together" and the Mule Express is certainly proof of this. If it had not been for the hard work and determination of a handful of past and present students, the Mule Express would have never become a reality. The Mule Express represents the hope that this is just the beginning of Student Government Association funded projects that are aimed at enhancing the College community.

Class of 2010 Dedicates New Student Life Lounge

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sat., Sept. 25 mark the official dedication of the new Student Life Lounge Area by the Class of 2010. This area is located in the front of the new Student Life Annex in the basement of Seegers

Union. It includes the Student Government Association Class Council Office, the Community Engagement Student (SHARE) Office, the Muhlenberg Activities Council Office, and an additional space for any on-campus club or organization to utilize. The Student Activities Lounge was paid for by the Class of 2010, who had been planning their senior class gift since their freshman year.

The dedication included remarks from President Helm and Barrie Schessler, '10, President of last year's graduating class. "We knew that leaving a legacy here would be a great way to impact students," Schessler said of her class' decision to leave their mark on the new additions to Seegers Union.

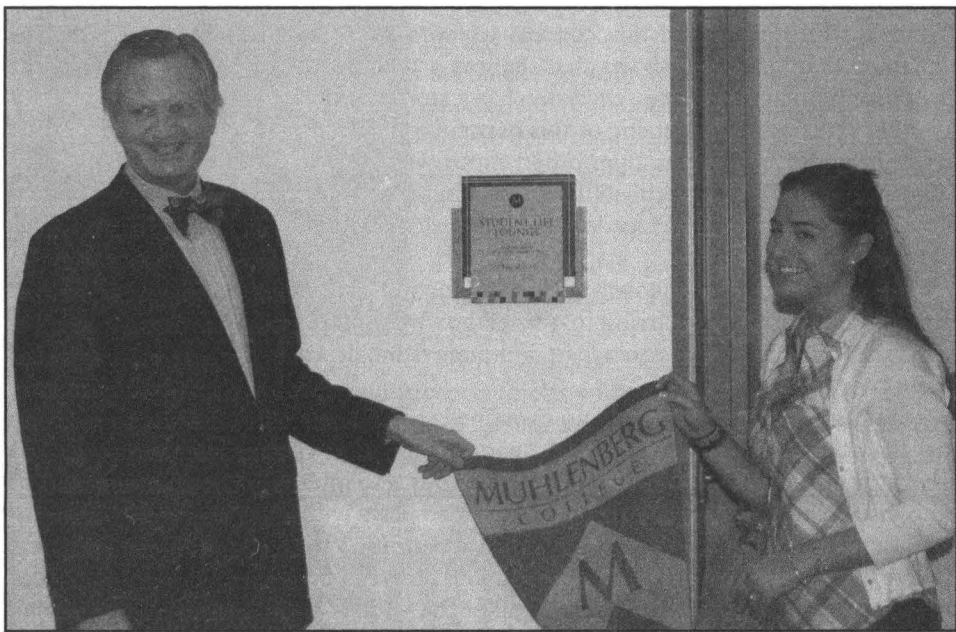
The traditional gift that each year's senior class gives to the College is the departing students' way of giving back after four great years. Two years ago, the senior class paid for the new tables in Parents Plaza. Since the Class of 2010 was present on campus for much of the planning and construction of the Seegers

addition, the Class Council felt that it was appropriate for their final gift to be in the Student Center.

Schessler and her fellow seniors worked closely last year with Connie Harris and Erin Fenstermacher of Development & Alumni Relations and Seegers Union Director Glen Gerchman to plan the space, which fittingly included the new Class Council Office. "It is terrific that the Class of 2010 decided to leave something behind that would benefit other classes," remarked President Helm. He went on to personally thank the Class of 2010, and for more than just their philanthropy. "This is not just about money, or getting the job done. It's about leaving messages behind," said Helm, who expressed his firm belief that great colleges have great alumni.

This past weekend's Homecoming festivities proved that Muhlenberg is one of these great colleges. Many former Student Council members were in attendance at the dedication early Saturday morning.

The Student Life Lounge includes a plaque stating that the lounge was made possible by the Class of 2010. The plaque was unveiled by President Helm and Schessler at the conclusion of the dedication. "This was a long time in the making," a proud Schessler concluded.



President Helm and Barrie Schessler '10 attend dedication



Class council of 2010 pose with plaque at dedication

PHOTOS BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA

Obama Responds to Students' Financial Concerns

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

"We have fallen behind," admitted President Barack Obama in a conference call with University journalists this past Mon., Sept. 27. Obama was speaking of higher education

and graduation rates throughout the country. The United States, formerly ranked 1st, is now ranked 12th in terms of countries with the highest college graduation rates. Our President is determined to have the U.S. back to number one by the year 2020. How? First and foremost, college needs to be made more affordable for students and their families.

Some steps that are currently underway include the new Healthcare Plan, which allows students to stay on their parents' Healthcare plan until they turn 26 years old. Our government is also working to make the Federal Student Loan system more efficient by redirecting money straight to the students rather than going through banks. Currently underway is also a proposal that would prevent students and graduates from ever having to pay more than ten percent of their salary per month toward student loans, which the President hopes to have in effect by 2014.

With these advancements, President Obama hopes to radically increase the statistics about graduation in this country, which currently state that one-third of students and one-half of minority students don't earn a college degree in six years. "It's up to students to finish, but we can help remove some barriers," Obama said of his efforts to decrease college costs.

Another thing that Obama talked candidly about was his concern that we design

colleges and universities in a way that focuses on the primary purpose of college: education. Obama, who remembers the food at his college to be "notoriously bad,"

"The energy that your generation put into politics in 2008 is not needed less now, it's needed more."

expressed concern that we not place too much emphasis on food and amenities at the risk of losing any focus on academics. Ideally, we should structure how Universities operate to give students the best deal possible; a comfortable, healthy living environment focused on giving students the knowledge and education that they will need after they graduate.

Improving the economy overall will also help students to overcome the financial barriers of college. Not only will this help graduating seniors find jobs more easily, but it will take much of the pressure off of public schools. While

this is admittedly a slow process, Obama is confident that the current generation of college students "is going to be just fine. There are still jobs out there, even in a tough environment."

"I know we've gone through a tough time these past two years," President Obama said, "but you live in the most vibrant, dynamic, wealthiest nation on earth. For all our problems, it's still the land of opportunity."

Obama concluded his question and answer session by encouraging students to actively participate in the political process. "The energy that your generation put into politics in 2008 is not needed less now, it's needed more," he said. He expressed the importance that we work together as a generation to make the changes we want to see in our country.

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"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

- Howard Thurman

Theatre and Dance season opens with *Polaroid Stories*, Oct. 6-10

Provocative black-box production interweaves mythology with real stories of homeless youth

BY BLAIR BLUM
LIFE WRITER

The Theatre & Dance Department will open its 2010-11 mainstage season with Naomi Iizuka's *Polaroid Stories*, a visceral blend of classical mythology and real-life stories told by street kids. The cast includes Stephen Bauder '13 as G; Paul Bayley '12 as SKINHEADboy; Rachel Berger '11 as Echo; Andrew Clark '12 as Narcissus; Francesca Galbo '11 as Persephone; Felix Mayes '12 as D; Maggie Robertson '13 as Philomel; Patrick Scheid '11 as Orpheus; Monique St. Cyr '11 as Eurydice; and Gina Zelko '11 as SKINHEADgirl. Theatre faculty Tim Averill will be the Lighting and Set Designer, and faculty Lex Gurst will be the Costume Designer. Alumnus Colin Hooker-Haring '10 is integrating multimedia into the production by creating a film clip. Molly Serpi '13 will be the Stage Manager. Jason Turner '11 will be the Design Assistant. Andy Zepp '12 will be the Sound Designer. Lynn Lisella '11 will be the Assistant Director. The production will be directed by Zach Trebino '11, a senior theatre major. This black-box production will run Oct. 6-10 in the College's 100-seat Studio Theatre.

"Every season we choose at least one student to direct a mainstage production," explained Jim Peck, Chair for the Theatre Department. "It's an important and longstanding value of the program — that directing students who have shown exceptional promise get the opportunity to lead a project with the full support of the department. Zach's outstanding record as a director, playwright, and actor made him a great choice for this opportunity."

Polaroid Stories will mark Trebino's second mainstage directing opportunity. Last fall, he wrote and directed the one-act play *Ouroboros...* as part of the *New Voices 2009* one-act festival of student written works, many of which were also directed by students as in Trebino's case.

"It is wonderful that Muhlenberg affords students the ability to develop what they learn in the classroom," Trebino explained. "This is an opportunity that most undergraduates do not receive."

Trebino was attracted to *Polaroid Stories* largely because of the play's use of language. "The play mixes poetic lyricism with gritty, real, human speech," Trebino elaborated. Inspired in part by Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, *Polaroid Stories* takes place on an abandoned pier on the outermost edge of a city, a way-stop for dreamers, dealers and desperadoes. The play is their story — heartbreaking and celebratory, all at once.

Polaroid Stories journeys into a dangerous world where myth-making fulfills a fierce need for transcendence, where storytelling has the power to transform a reality in which characters' lives are continually threatened and devalued. It is a provocative black-box production that will interweave mythology with real stories of homeless youth. Not all the stories they tell are true; some are lies, wild yarns, clever deceptions, or baroque fabrications. But whether or not a homeless youth invents an incredible history for himself isn't the point, explains one character: "all these stories and lies add up to something like the truth."

Trebino further pushed this concept of even street kids having value when he explained that "the play shows that there is a godliness within everyone, even the most disenfranchised people; everyone has a story worth remembering."

Another defining characteristic of this particular production of *Polaroid Stories* is that it will be more minimalist than other, more well-known, productions of the play. This stems out of the practicability of it being a college sponsored production and the necessity of it taking place in a smaller space and will, therefore, have fewer set pieces.

Yet this minimalist approach to the production isn't necessarily a drawback, "I see the production as occurring in a black-box magical fantasy theatre where things wonderful and fantastical can occur, and there is magic around every corner," stated Trebino.

Regarding his direction, Trebino explained that he takes his vision for the play in part from Jerzy Grotowski's idea of "poor theatre," in which the actor is the main arbitrator of the theatrical experience. Trebino is also interested in theatre that stems from Greek and Roman mythology. Yet he also plays with this notion as, in contrast to Classical Theatre where women were not permitted to act and female parts were played by men, Trebino is also particularly interested in *Polaroid Stories* because the focus is on the female characters rather than solely based on the male. Trebino explained that, "*Polaroid Stories* turns mythology on its head because it makes female characters the focus."

Polaroid Stories runs Oct. 6-10 in the Studio Theatre. Performances are Wed through Fri, Oct. 6-8, at 8 p.m.; Sat, Oct. 9, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sun, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. Campus tickets are only \$7 and can be purchased at the box office in the lobby of the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Sept. 30th

- 1) Center for Ethics presents Dr. Mario Livio in Seegers Union: Great Room from 7-9pm
- 2) Spoken word poet and LGBT Rights Activist, Staceyann Chin, at the Red Door from 9-10pm

Fri. Oct. 1st

- 1) Deloitte Scavenger Hunt starting at Seegers Union Room 113 from 2-4pm
- 2) Movie Night, *The Laramie Project*, at the Red Door from 8pm-12am
- 3) FREE Bowling at Playdrome and Shoes! The Free shuttle leaves from the CA starting at 12am-3am (Remember to bring your ID)

Sat. Oct. 2nd

- 1) S'mores and Havdallah at the Sands Volleyball Courts from 8-9pm
- 2) Student Performers at the Red Door from 9pm-12am.

Sun. Oct. 3

- 1) All campus worship service at Enger Memorial chapel from 1-2pm.
- 2) Nora Suggs Concert: Conversations & Dialogues: French and American Music for flute and organ at Enger Memorial Chapel from 3-5pm
- 3) Zumba Class at the Life Sports Center from 6:45-8:15pm
- 4) Roman Catholic Mass at the Enger Memorial Chapel from 9-10pm

Mad about plaid!

BY KELLY McLAUGHLIN
LIFE WRITER

There's something about the Hamptons. Regardless of the fact that the popular summer hotspot boasts some of the most expensive residential properties in the country, there's a certain rustic, homespun charm inherent to the area.

My family and I took the hour drive from my home on Long Island out to the South Fork the weekend before last. Though few trees along the roadside had yet to show the tell-tale signs of autumn, it was obvious that summer had sipped its last mojito. Labor Day had come and gone and the urbanites had packed up their chaise lounges, boarded the Jitney and retreated back to the concrete jungle of Manhattan.

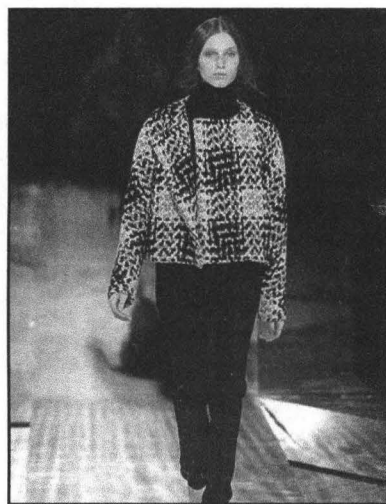
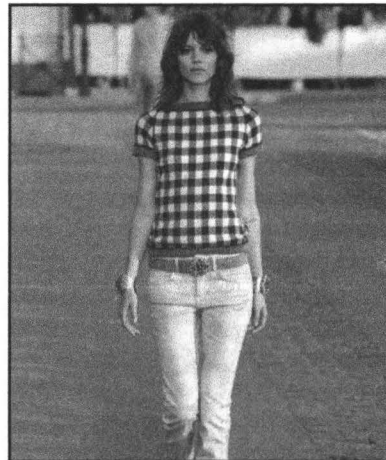
Round Swamp Farm in East Hampton was our choice destination, as per the suggestion of resident farm stand aficionado, Momma McLaughlin. I had anticipated that the cliché fall festivities would leave me craving the taste of pumpkin pie and apple crisp. I hadn't expected that I would return home wanting to emulate the style of the man who sold my parents a dozen sunflowers, some fresh fruit and a basket of string beans that would later end up on our dinner table.

A plaid flannel shirt and worn-in blue jeans. Of course, not the most difficult of looks to put together, but yet whether or not this guy knew it, his outfit was pretty trendy. Plaid and tartan have been turning heads on the runway this season, from oversized button downs, to feminine frocks, to classic pea coats and everything in between.

The truth is, plaid is traditionally trendy for fall, so it's likely your closet already dons pieces adorning this interlocking print. But since the fabric seems to be getting an exceptional amount of attention this year, what better time to send in reinforcements? Designers went especially mad for black and white plaid. They have pushed the envelope a bit by sending different color and size checkered combinations strutting down the runway.

The best thing about this "trend" is that it really isn't one at all. And the best thing about that is that it makes justifying purchases a whole heck of a lot easier. Investing in a plaid pea coat or trench is a no-brainer. Test your tartan talents and really search for finishing pieces, those afterthought accents that transform humdrum clothes into statement outfits. Picture this: a crisp white ruffled button down shirt, paired with a camel colored wool skirt, and brown leather riding boots. The look is missing nothing more than a red and black plaid bowtie. A la Ralph Lauren, you might say. It's a preppy look, but both a classic and trendy one this season nonetheless.

My McLaughlin afternoon out on the East End of Long Island renewed my appreciation for the Scottish familial heritage that is synonymous with tartan and plaid. If you're in no rush to partake in family bonding of your own though, go ahead and take my word for it. The summer florals of your wardrobe should be replaced with fall checks, just like the half-price happy hours of the Hamptons have been replaced with clam chowder contests.



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Men: The True Victims of Lost Love

BY LAUREN PAPPACENA
LIFE WRITER

Non-marital heterosexual relationships have on men and women.

Contrary to pop culture ideology which supports the image of women as emotional time bombs when it comes to love, the study proved that men were more negatively affected by breakups. The study interviewed 1,611 men and women between the ages of 18 and 23 and found that young men rely on support through romantic relationships more so than women; therefore, the failed relationship takes a greater toll on them. Robin Simon, a sociology professor, presents several ideas for why this may be. She suggests that though there has been significant improvement in this area, some women's self-worth is still highly dependent on their relationship status. Their main objective is getting a guy, not necessarily the right guy. When the relationship eventually fizzles out, women are therefore less invested.

Another hypothesis suggests that heterosexual men are socialized to have very few emotional vents; one of these

A recent study was published in *The New York Times* exploring the unequal effects that failed

vents, however, is the girlfriend relationship. Men don't want to risk being labeled a "mama's boy" and bromances can only get so intimate before someone calls "no homo." The term "bromance" itself is derived out of a homophobic anxiety surrounding how to define the relationship between two straight men. When men are deprived of this emotional vent provided through the girlfriend relationship, perhaps their only emotional vent, they suffer a greater loss than do women who have many other outlets through their intimate friendships with other women. Women, unlike men, therefore still retain their emotional support structure even after the breakup.

Yet another rationale for the study's results focuses on the differing biology of the male and female brain. The male brain is more compartmentalized resulting in a greater focus on the present situation while women are able to look at the greater picture. This ability to see in to the long term is helpful in speeding up the post-relationship mourning process, while men brood for a longer period.

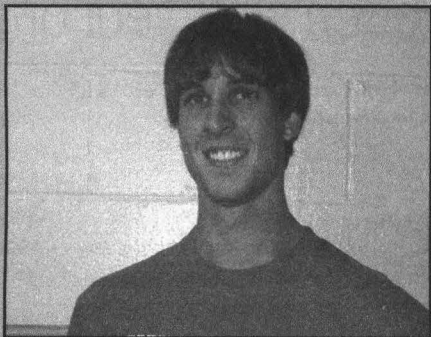
This study greatly helped in gaining a stronger understanding of the heterosexual male outlook which is perhaps not as stoic as previously thought.

Write for Life!

Do you go to events and want to write about them?

Contact Torie Paone @ vp238988@muhlenberg.edu

Question of the Week: "What would YOU do for a Klondike bar?"



Will Levine '13

"What WOULDN'T I do for a Klondike bar?"



Allison Kovacs '13

"Drive for three hours."



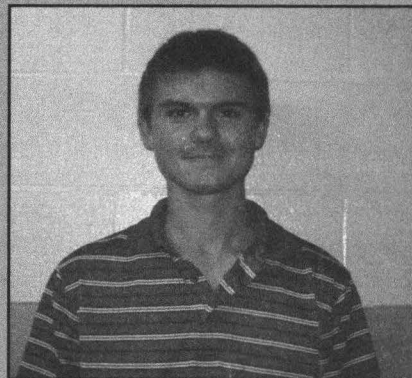
Elizabeth Sullivan '13

"Stay in and study on the weekend."



Arianna Barres '13

"Get up at 8:00 am on a Sunday!"



Nick Trami '14

"Lose the game."

Courtesy of Kelsey Hutchinson

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Weekend Listings



Case 39

Fri. 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:30, 5:10, 8:00

Easy A

Fri. 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 7:40

The Social Network

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:20

The Town

Fri. 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 2:00, 4:40, 7:30

Wall Street 2

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:00

You Again

Fri. 4:50, 7:10, 9:40
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Zach Trebino '11A visceral blend of
classical mythology and
real-life stories told
by street kids whose
lies are as valuable as
their truths.Oct. 6 - 9 at 8 pm
Oct. 9 & 10 at 2 pm

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was for the alumni.

Senior captain Mike Williams enjoyed having former program members in the stands. "I came here because of a lot of those guys. Having them on the sidelines cheering us on, doing the things they did, it's a great feeling to get a big [win] for them."

The big win also gave Topping a spot in the 100-win club. Topping is just the second coach in program history to reach the century mark. He joins Jeff Tipping, now the Director of Coaching for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, as Mules among this exclusive group.

In nine seasons coaching in Allentown, Topping has amassed an impressive record of 100-45-13, good for a .674 winning percentage. Topping's ability to continually produce winning teams is a function of great recruiting and outstanding instruction from the staff. "You need to have the right ingredients to be successful," said Topping.

Topping, a 'Berg alumni '98, was a four-year letter winner with the Mules Soccer Team. He served as Co-Captain during his senior year, and led the Mules to the top of the Centennial Conference and a conference Championship.

The oldest of three Topping brothers to play soccer at 'Berg, Topping earned All Centennial Conference honors twice, once in his third year as a defender, and again in his senior year as a midfielder. On top of these awards, he received All Region honors during his final two collegiate seasons.

In his nine years as the Head Coach for the Mules, Topping has led a team to four Centennial Conference Championships. He is a frequent visitor to the end of the season NCAA Tournament, something he has experience three times.

He has coached three All-Americans, one Centennial Conference Player of the Year, and reached the playoffs every season he has been in charge. Feats that are truly incredible.

The players recognized Topping's special night by providing him with the traditional water cooler shower. Cecconi said, "For him to get 100 wins on homecoming night—that's picture perfect."

MULINGS
LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Volleyball

Spartan Invitational (York)
Sept. 24-25
24th

vs. Rowan L 0-3

vs. Virginia Wesleyan L 0-3

25th

vs. St. Mary's L0-3

Field Hockey

Sept. 21st
Moravian
L 0-3Sept. 24th
@ Widener
L 0-3

Football

Sept. 25th
Gettysburg
W 33-27 (ot)

Men's Soccer

Sept. 25th
Gettysburg
W 4-0

Women's Soccer

Sept. 25th
Scranton
L 1-3

Women's Tennis

Sept. 25-26
ITA Southeast Regional
no team score

Kenny McKinley and the need for mental health treatment in athletics

BY JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

Kenny McKinley had it all: He was a receiver for the Denver Broncos, made a great salary, had a one year old son, and was living his dream of playing in the National Football League. It was too much. On Sept. 20, Kenny McKinley was found dead in his Denver apartment, from an apparent suicide. He was only 23 years old.

McKinley, who had been placed on the Broncos injured reserve list with a knee injury, had shown no signs of depression. By all accounts, he was vivacious and full of life. So full of life, in fact, that when he mentioned he was thinking of suicide to friends, they laughed it off. They thought it was a joke.

But, in the high stress world of professional football, where mental illness is considered a weakness, and one wrong move can cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars, McKinley had to hide his depression. It was the only way to stay on the team.

McKinley is not the only victim of mental illness in professional, collegiate and high school sports.

Ricky Williams, now of the Miami Dolphins, is a famous example. Diagnosed with social anxiety,

Williams would wear his helmet with a dark visor to interviews. In a recent article in Sports Illustrated, Williams said that he approached his then-coach, Jim Haslett, about seeking treatment for his mental illness. According to Williams, Haslett responded by saying "stop being a baby and just play football."

Mental illness is a serious issue that affects many. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, a quarter of all Americans suffer from some sort of mental illness each year. Athletics are no different. While many professional teams are more concerned with their star players' knee injuries, they need to be more concerned with someone like Kenny McKinley's depression.

We tend to idealize athletes, make them out to be heroes, impenetrable figures who can handle adversity as if it were a small pebble in their way. And while playing professional sports may be a dream job, we do not realize that there is tremendous pressure in playing in front of thousands of fans each week, being constantly berated and criticized by analysts and coaches, and playing in a profession where your career can be derailed by one play. The stress can be

unbearable. In fact, stress is one of the leading causes for depression.

While collegiate ranks and some professional organizations are making strides in their efforts to reduce and prevent mental illness, more needs to be done. Mental health services need to be made readily available to all athletes.

Athletes need to be made aware of the risks.

More than anything, there needs to be a culture shift. No longer can knee injuries be more important than mental illness. No longer can a mental illness be a weakness.

While it may be difficult to shift an entire culture, the alternative is worse. Sadly, more players who share Kenny McKinley's story will show up. And once again, a league or sport will be shocked and saddened.

Instead of paying lip service to the issue, it's time to take action. All athletics, from high school to professional, need to be proactive in dealing with this issue. Mental health is more important and more serious than a common knee injury. There's no time to wait. If we do, another Kenny McKinley could fall through the cracks.

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penalty and a 19-yard completion, put themselves up 3 more with a 44-yard field goal on the following possession. The Mules were unable to score before the half, so they went into the locker-room down 10-6.

Muhlenberg received the opening kickoff of the second half, and got to their 43 before punting on a fourth-and-six. Gettysburg started their drive on their 18, marched 78 yards down the field, and scored on a 4 yard pass. However, the Bullets missed the point after, making the score 16-6.

The Mules tenaciously denied themselves to be knocked out. They started with good field position on their 37, and were soon in Gettysburg territory due to a 20-yard completion from Deighan to Dandridge and a 15-yard personal foul penalty. Deighan hit Liparini for 14 yards later in the drive, setting the Mules up on the 2. Dandridge was rewarded with the opportunity to finish the drive, and took advantage with a run to the right for the Touchdown, bringing the Mules to within 3.

Muhlenberg started the fourth quarter with the ball on Gettysburg's 41. Deighan hit receivers on 3 straight completions before scoring on a 15-yard quarterback draw for 15 yards and the touchdown, putting the Mules up 20-16 after the kick.

On their ensuing possession, the Mules got another shot at the end zone after Dandridge and Junior Running Back J.T. Merklinger split carries to bring the Mules 69 yards to the Gettysburg 10. Merklinger finished off the drive with a 10-yard rush. The kick was good and the Mules were ahead 27-16.

However, the Bullets, who started with good field position on their 44, answered with a touchdown and a two point conversion, bringing them to within three points.

The Mules received the ensuing kick at their 20 and marched to the Gettysburg 44 before they were forced to punt. However, the snap to the punter was long over his head, giving the Bullets the ball on the Muhlenberg 7-yard line with 33 seconds to go in the game. On first down, the Mules stopped the run. On second and third down, the Mules forced incompletions, forcing the Bullets to settle for a field goal to tie the game, sending it into overtime.

Gettysburg began the extra minutes with the ball on the Muhlenberg 25-yard line. The Mules conceded three rushing yards on first down, but sacked the quarterback on second down, and Sophomore Safety Shane O'Connor picked him off on third down to end the Bullets' threat.

Muhlenberg began their chance on the Gettysburg 25. One down was all they needed. Deighan slung the ball to Vaughn, who was bolting down the right sideline, for a 25-yard completion. Vaughn was hit low and tumbled into the end zone, managing to hold on to the ball for the win.

In the game, the Mules had a well balanced attack of 13 rushes to 12 passes, for 421 yards. The defense held the Bullets to 307 yards. Deighan led the Muhlenberg offense with 208 yards and two touchdowns on 18 completions. He also rushed for 49 yards and a touchdown. Deighan's top two receivers were Vaughn and Liparini, who both had 5 receptions (with a touchdown apiece) for totals of 57 yards and 44 yards respectively. The hydra that is the Muhlenberg run attack was led by Dandridge with 129 yards with a touchdown and Merklinger with 75 yards and a touchdown. Senior linebacker Patrick McDonough and Junior Defensive End Kenneth Cobb led the defense with 8 tackles each - Cobb had 1.5 tackles for a loss, including 1 sack, and 2 broken up passes. Junior Cornerback Chase Nadell led the secondary with 5 tackles and 2 tackles for a loss.

The Mules' next game will be at Johns Hopkins (2-1, 2-0). The Blue Jays will prove a worthy opponent. They have the most potent offense in the Centennial Conference, averaging 35.7 points per game and they rarely make mistakes. They also have one of the best quarterbacks in the league; he is averaging 335.7 yards per game (best in the league) and has thrown for six touchdowns. The Mules will have to stop him and take advantage of their porous pass defense to knock down Johns Hopkins and be the sole possessors of second place in the Conference.

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Less is more when it comes to NFL season

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

There are reports that the National Football League will likely make the switch to an 18-game regular season.

According to Indianapolis Colts President Bill Polian, it is already a "done deal" although nothing has been decided officially. If this does happen, owner's and player's pockets will get fatter but the league will ultimately suffer.

Injuries turn promising seasons into nightmares. Losing your starting quarterback is often a blow too great to overcome. Players complain about injuries and many supported the idea of changing the preseason from four games to two. Instead, the League wants to add two more regular season games. Besides making more money there doesn't seem to be any reason for increasing the length of the season. Every team already plays 20 games—four preseason and 16 regular season games. If a team makes the playoffs, they could play as much as four more games. That is a lot of football. The NFL used to have a 12-game season. Then a 14-game season. Currently a 16-game season. Now potentially there will be an 18-game season. Even if the League eliminates two preseason games, the game will have a different feel.

Increased injuries are not the only concern. The NFL is exciting because every game is so important. In baseball, there are 162 games. In basketball, there are 82. Adding more games will take away the significance and urgency of each individual game.

"With 16 games, every game is important and therefore the fans are very into it. The stadiums are packed because they know if their team loses. It pushes them further and further away from making the playoffs," said Carson Palmer, starting quarterback of the Cincinnati Bengals. "I think if you go to 18, each game kind of loses a little bit of its significance."

Because players will be more concerned about injuries, contract demands will be higher. More players will likely hold out and will expect more money for dealing with a longer season. Scott Fujita of the Cleveland Browns doesn't see much sense in the proposal of an 18-game season.

"They are asking you to play more games and put yourself at more risk, and they are also asking us to take a pay cut," the linebacker said. "That's a lot to ask. All

those things don't make a whole lot of sense. We need to sit down and talk through it all and find out what it is they're really trying to do and see if it makes sense or not."

Additionally, NFL statistics will become greatly skewed if two games are added to each season. Players will have the advantage of two more games (if they stay healthy) to build up their statistics. While this is not of major importance, down the road it may make it difficult to decide who belongs and who doesn't belong in the Hall of Fame. It is already difficult to compare players who played during the 12-game season era to the 16-game season we know today. Imagine comparing players who played 12 games to players playing 18. Obviously, those who have six extra games will have much more impressive statistics and resumes. Floyd Little played for the Denver Broncos from 1967 to 1975. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame this year but if we were to look at his statistics they wouldn't even look Pro-Bowl worthy for our current era. This just adds to the confusion of who is deserving of football's greatest honor.

While the owners all love the idea, it is clear the majority of players are against it. With a potential lockout looming for the 2011 season, if the players and owners can't agree on a new labor contract, this disagreement may make a lockout more likely than ever. However, no one wants this to happen. Not the owners, not the players, and not the fans.

Someone is going to have to make some sacrifices. A compromise must be agreed upon. If not, we will actually have to do our homework on Sundays instead of watching football. While everyday people are losing their jobs and struggling to support their families, millionaire players and billionaire owners can't agree on a few rules to continue getting paid an exorbitant amount of money for merely a game.

Who will win the battle? New York Giants defensive tackle Barry Cofield doesn't see the owners not getting their way.

"Personally, I don't see how it helps the game, or the quality of the game," said Cofield, "but if they demand it, they will probably get it."

Hopefully he is wrong.

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Mules shot the ball twenty two times in the game. An all around positive performance on both sides of the ball allowed Berg to record their fourth shut-out of the season, and improve to 1-0-1 in conference play.

Berg's next contest will be at Dickinson College on Wed., Sept. 29 as the Mules take on the Red Devils

in a Centennial Conference showdown. With their impressive win, Muhlenberg improved to the 19th ranked team in Division III Soccer.

In addition, after this weekend, Antonini became the Conference leader in goals scored, and overall points. Currently Muhlenberg sits in second place in the Centennial Conference, behind Swarthmore

College (5-2-1, 1-1-0).

As well as this being an impressive performance by the team, Head Coach, Sean Topping also recorded an impressive result from this game. It was his 100th win as head coach for the Mules!

Congratulations to Coach Topping as well as his team that is ranked 19th in the country.

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Muhlenberg football: True Homecoming kings

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

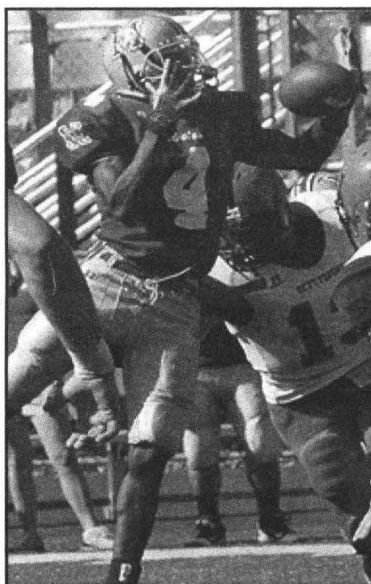
a row. The Mules overcame the Bullets on a game winning 25-yard Touchdown to Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Mules were able to put together a scoring drive in the second. After fielding a Gettysburg punt, the Mules started their drive on their own 38 yard line. On second down, the Mules Offense ran a reverse to Vaughn who scuttled for 17 yards. Two plays later, Sophomore Running Back Terrence Dandridge cut through the middle of the defense for 27 yards, putting Muhlenberg in the red zone. On third-and-goal, Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan found Junior Tight End Steve Liparini for two yards and the touchdown, making the Mules the first to crack the stalemate. The Mules failed to get the extra point when it was blocked – a rare occurrence: Senior Kicker Michael Katz has been successful on 64-66 point-after attempts in his Muhlenberg career.

On the ensuing drive, Gettysburg drove down the field on 14 plays for 69 yards, scoring on a two yard pass of their own, putting the Bullets up 7-6. Muhlenberg received the kickoff, starting the drive on their 23. Deighan was exceptional on the drive, which was highlighted by 20-yard pass to Sophomore Wide Receiver Marcus Toomey. Deighan led the Muhlenberg offense to Gettysburg's 35, but they were stopped and were forced to punt.

The Bullets, thanks to a 15-yard personal foul

Muhlenberg Football (2-1, 2-0) made Homecoming all the more celebratory with an overtime 33-27 win against Gettysburg (1-2, 0-2) – their second consecutive win in



Both Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn and Junior Forward Cody Antonini wowed Homecoming crowds with their on-field performances.

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'Berg wins big against Bullets last weekend

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg's pep rally on Friday night must have spoken very clearly to the Men's Soccer Team (5-0-2, 1-0-1), because their victory on Saturday against Gettysburg (2-5, 1-1) was nothing short of spectacular. Berg's performance once again proved why they are the best team in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules struck first in the 20th minute with an amazing goal by Junior Forward Cody Antonini, who dribbled the ball straight through the Bullet defense and unleashing fury on the Gettysburg goalie, put one in the back of the net. Antonini recorded his ninth goal of the season. That was the only goal of the half. The game was still very close, too close for comfort for the Mules.

In the 55th minute, the Mules scored again, this time compliments of Sophomore Forward Danny Way, who scored his fourth goal of the season.

Keeping the intensity going, the men continued to play hard for all the students and family who came out in support. The student section was packed, and just for the fans, Berg netted another goal. Just like their second goal, it was Danny Way who struck for the Mules. This goal was a beautiful header that he sent soaring right over the goalkeeper. But Berg was not out of juice yet, as they scored one last time in the 73rd minute, pushing the game further out of reach at 4-0.

Antonini, proving his might as the team's leading scorer, shot the ball left footed (his non-dominant foot), and scored a goal.

Senior Goalkeeper Jason Daniels was kept mildly busy, with just five shots by Gettysburg. The

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Coach Sean Topping achieves milestone with 100th win

BY ANDREW RHODES
SPORTS WRITER

front of hundreds of students, alumni and friends. From the start, the energy was unique. It was Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend and past and present reminders of Head Coach Sean Topping's career at 'Berg was in attendance. There was also the rambunctious student section constantly making noise. The Mules faced added pressure with their coach on the cusp of a major milestone—100 career wins.

The Mules answered the call for a win from Topping and the alumni by blanking the Bullets in the game. The Centennial Conference's leading scorer and reigning Player of the Year, Junior Forward Cody

Antonini, opened the scoring halfway through the first half with a shot just inside the near post to put the Mules up 1-0.

"Match the intensity in the second half," Topping told his players at halftime.

Taking the slim margin into the second half, a couple of key early saves by Senior Goalkeeper Jason Daniels put the momentum in the spikes of the Mules. They went on to score three more goals, amplifying the intensity of the



Above: Men's Soccer Head Coach Sean Topping.

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first half. Sophomore Forward Danny Way scored two goals while Antonini added his second of the game.

Antonini's play continues to amaze his teammates, fans, opponents and coaches alike. "He can change the game at any moment. It only takes a split second for him to break free and then when he gets within the penalty box he's pretty lethal," said Topping. "It's great to have someone like that on your team—even if you're not playing well at any moment he can spring you into life." The newest D3Soccer.com Top 25 poll has the Mules ranked 19th in the country.

The win gave the Mules their first in Centennial Conference play this season. They also remain undefeated through seven games. The win

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Should Division I athletes be compensated for the profits they bring in?

Matthea Harvey speaks at 'Berg

BY ALEXANDER BROTMAN
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Even before she started speaking, Brooklyn-based Sarah Lawrence professor and poet Matthea Harvey was greeted warmly by her fans. There were pictures being taken of her with students at the front of Miller Forum in Moyer Hall just moments before she delved into her lecture, signifying the amount of respect that her poetry collections have earned on campus.

"Poets usually focus on a rose, flowers or the garden," said Linda Miller English professor, who introduced Harvey. "But Matthea Harvey focuses on the fungus."

It is true that Harvey has always had a thing for fungi and often writes about mystical tales, which one would think would be aimed towards young adults and children. However, her target audience is adults. It was noticeable by the large attendance for her 45-minute lecture that the college is a big part of that audience.

Harvey read from works titled *The Straightforward Mermaid*, *B a k e d Alaska*, *Our American Husbands*, and *My Aunt*



Harvey visits Muhlenberg's living writers series

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Was Orphaned to name a few. The lecture was composed mainly of her reading her magical and imaginative works, followed by only two questions.

The writing process for her is an interesting one, as most of her ideas start off as dreams.

"Sometimes you wonder if what you write actually existed," she said, and it turns out that some of her research has proven this point true.

Matthea Harvey was born in Germany, lived in England, and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, all before attending Harvard University and finally settling down at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY as a professor. You could tell that her well-rounded upbringing had played a major role in the poetry that she presented before the

college community.

From the first author, Monique Truong, who visited a few weeks ago to the latest author to visit, Ms. Harvey, the Living Writers Series is in full swing at the college, and we are all eager to see what happens next.

Students attend retreat at Camp Kirchenwald

BY ANDALISA LOPEZ
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA. Each student represented a different aspect of the college community, including the Office of Community Engagement and the Multicultural Center. We left campus at the early hour of 9am on Saturday and arrived, tired, at Kirchenwald around 11:30 am and dove right into a low ropes course. The low ropes course fostered a sense of trust and team work, which would carry into the discussions later in the weekend.

The discussions were facilitated by students and faculty chaperones and centered on issues of leadership and community service-what does it mean to serve a community or be a leader versus a follower? Other discussions touched on issues of diversity at the college as well as the benefits of collaboration between campus organizations.

The weekend of September 11 2010, 13 students of the college embarked on an adventure to Camp

Continuing the theme of collaboration, we enjoyed the fruits of collective labor at dinner time with homemade pizza and a warm campfire by nightfall with s'mores. Much of the conversation carried on throughout the night beyond the scheduled discussion time.

Hear from students who attended retreat:

"This retreat created the opportunity for students with similar interests that didn't necessarily know one another to interact and build a sense [of] community with one another in a way that doesn't usually exist between community engagement and multicultural life students."

"Enjoyable, but bugs disgust me!"

"A lot of fun, bonded with everyone! A great way for all of us to listen to other leaders on campus- led to great discussions."

"I really enjoyed bonding with a new group of people. I thought the discussions were helpful, especially the event planning workshop."

We all look forward to a great year of further discussion and collaboration.

We also talked about the possibility of appointing a liaison to attend student government meetings as well as other organizations' meetings to ensure the connections are maintained.

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Eliminate the Hate: Our College's Efforts

This past week, the nation was shocked by the tragic suicide of Rutgers freshman Tyler Clementi. Clementi jumped off of the George Washington Bridge after his roommate secretly filmed him and another male student together. When the video was posted on the Internet, a devastated Clementi said farewell to his friends via a Facebook update saying, "jumping off the gw bridge sorry."

Clementi's was just one in a string of suicides in Sept., which occurred as a result of anti-gay bullying. The terror inspired by this tormenting has escalated to the point where the consequences have become fatal. Sadly, this unfortunate trend is nothing new, but it has reached staggering heights in recent weeks.

This past weekend the College showed *The Laramie Project*, the movie based on the play of the same name, which chronicles the steps the town of Laramie, Wisconsin took to raise awareness of the issue after the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard in Oct. 1998. *The Laramie Project* brings into sharp light this problem of anti-gay harassment, which twelve years later is even more prevalent. It seems that no matter how hard we try to fight against an issue of this scale, there are always going to be innocent victims.

This campus advocates equality and tolerance, but obviously hate crimes of this manner exist in today's world. The College-community promotes Mental Health Awareness with campaigns such as "Stomp Out Stigma," which is occurring this week. The College entertains speakers who try to educate the campus community on the devastating consequences of buying into the stigma of these kinds of prejudices. In fact, on Mon. Oct. 11, Judy Shepard, Matthew's mother, will be on campus speaking out against hate crimes and advocating ways to prevent tragedies like Matthew's or Tyler Clementi's from recurring.

It is obvious that the world in which we live is terrifying at times. Teenagers who did not do anything more than try to be true to themselves are becoming victims of merciless taunting. Without organizations like Active Minds and speakers addressing these issues, the vicious cycle will continue unchecked.

Mexico's Drug War: Concerned

By ALEXANDER BROTMAN
Op/Ed Writer

As many of you know, there is a war being waged on our south. The war has claimed 28,000 lives and is occurring right across the border from one of the most significant cities in Texas: El Paso. This war is scary for a multitude of reasons, but mostly because nothing is being done about it. The Mexican police have captured and killed numerous drug lords, and parts of the country are still safe to visit, but you have to be very careful. I can honestly say that Mexico is now a third-world human rights catastrophe.

The scariest part about Mexico is that there are no rights for journalists. The Committee to Protect Journalists, CPJ for short, met recently. At their annual meeting they presented a list of where the majority of their journalists had been kidnapped and/or unfortunately killed in the previous year. Most of the killings were in Africa, but a fair amount were in Honduras, Nicaragua. A lot of press photographers are killed almost daily, particularly in Ciudad Juarez, the most dangerous city in the world according to some accounts.

Newspaper offices are being bombed and migrants, 72 in total, have been found dead in remote fields in Tamaulipas state bound and gagged. Some even have severed limbs. One of the few survivors of that massacre made it back to his home country of Ecuador, where he proudly pronounced that Mexico is no longer a very safe place for migrants trying to enter the United States. Really?

The really sad thing, though, is that the mayors of these small little cities and towns are being murdered and political candidates are being killed left and right. There is practically no freedom of speech in Mexico. It is safe to say that what we are seeing now is similar to what sections of Russia and China looked like twenty years ago.

Beheadings are common, but here's the one that makes me just want to do something: stonings. Yes, you read that right. Recently a small town mayor was stoned to death not too far from the border with Texas on the Rio Grande. This is inexcusable in any society, and Mexico is no exception.

I personally wouldn't go anywhere in Mexico right now, only because I know that there are no human rights. I'm not saying that all places are bad, many tourist spots are still safe, but even Acapulco has its problems.

This is occurring right in our backyard, and it is our duty and priority to be concerned. We cannot and will

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Invisible homophobia in the news



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
Op/Ed Columnist

It is difficult to watch the news or skim over the headlines this past week without being bombarded with the nauseating story of the handful of teens that have committed suicide in the past week due to the pressures of being gay. For all of those out there that feel out of the loop after hearing this news, allow me to summarize what has happened without sounding too nonchalant. Last Wed., New York police found the body of Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi, one week after he killed himself. His roommate had posted a voyeuristic video online of Clementi having sex with another man. The narratives of teenage or young adult suicides directly related to the pressures of being queer in our heteronormative society rarely surface from the national news. Right now, the media elites can't give them enough air-time.

For most, a teenage or young adult suicide is extremely disconcerting. Most of us cannot fathom the amount of emotional and physical pain one must go through to arrive at that suicidal decision.

Celebrities such as Ellen DeGeneres have been calling for more proactive anti-discriminatory policies in schools and in the workplace. This has transfixed the nation into lamenting over the dangers of name-calling. As important as it is to think about what we say and do and how those things relate to the mental health of others, its sole focus will certainly do us a great disservice.

Homophobia, as with racism, sexism, classism, etc., manifests in a number of different forms: internalized homophobia, rationalized homophobia, and ideological homophobia. Most people only think about homophobia or other social structures in terms of either overt ideological homophobia (think Fred Phelps) or rationalized homophobia (think

"Marriage has a traditional, ancient definition"). Though these manifestations of homophobia certainly exist, they are a result of institutionalized homophobia—that is, powerful bodies such as the state, academia, a corporation or a religion using discrimination within their power structure.

Overt, ideological homophobia and heterosexism have direct, tangible consequences such as hurt feelings, hate crimes, and teenage suicides. But these consequences often pale in comparison to those of institutionalized homophobia and heterosexism, which are often difficult to quantify. From the oppressed peripheries of the world to our very own Allentown, institutionalized homophobia and heterosexism subjugate countless individuals, most of them silenced by their lack of power.

While we write front-page articles on a few white, middle-class men, hundreds of thousands of girls are routinely kidnapped and trafficked into brothels. While we clamor over the use of "N-gro" to describe Obama's lexicon, hundreds of thousands of black and Latino youth in the US are being wrongfully arrested by the police because of the color of their skin.

In the short time it took me to write this article, another person in Haiti fell victim to an easily preventable disease

or malnutrition, ignored because of our racism in the portrayal of Haitians.

It is far easier for us to digest and react to discrete, unrelated events as they come up in our lives; it is much more difficult to care about the routine events that happen every day—the ones that produce death tolls greater than any war or any individual act of terrorism. The worst part is that we cannot blame one person or one small group of people with "extremist" ideologies.

When examining institutionalized discrimination, we are required to investigate our own complicit participation. What is it that sets the stage for such habitual discrimination to arise and persist almost unnoticed? The answer is in social norms (i.e., the expectations that a group relies upon to distinguish appropriate and inappropriate values, beliefs, and behaviors). For example, our society has deemed it inappropriate for women to carry on many of the tasks of men, such as fight in battle. For much of our history (and arguably still today), women were not included in the draft and barred from many positions in the military. We therefore constructed norms for masculinity and femininity, attributing femininity to weakness and masculinity to strength and courage.

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The need to defy gravity



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VALERIE PATRIARCA
OP/ED COLUMNIST

After having a very long and trying weekend, mixed with a worse-than-typical Monday, I am intrigued by a question that has been on my conscious for months. I would like to discuss it, though. I don't really know if there is an exact answer:

If we only live for a certain length of time (an amount never seeming long enough), then why do we spend precious days engaging in activities that make us miserable, or that we don't get any joy out of?

It makes no sense to me why anyone should ever be doing something that does

not make him or her happy. Yet day in and day out we all find ourselves doing things that make us want to escape, dig a hole in the ground and stick our head in it, disappearing for a while. Why? Why are we wasting these numbered days engaging in activities that make us wish we could hide for a while?

My mother once gave this morbid gift to her parents a few years ago: a glass bowl filled with marbles signifying how many more days they had to live before they reached 100 years old. The point was that at the end of every day they were to take a marble out of the glass bowl and discard it. This in return was supposed to make each day more significant so that each had a purpose or meaning rather than simply passing by without recognizing its loss. Of course everyone in my family made fun of my mother for giving such an incredibly melancholic gift, but thinking back, that gift truly held a significant amount of meaning. The act of throwing away one day at the end of each night is horrifying, but typically what we all do.

So why do we spend even a single minute doing anything that does not bring us sincere pleasure? For example, why do we go to our next class, and keep on going if we hate the thought of even stepping a single foot into the room and if we count down each minute while there? We live

in a pattern, shoved into an academic prison, blinded by society's expectations. What keeps us roped in?

Money: We are driven by the economic world, by the thought that college equals money. Money equals success and success equals happiness right? If we have enough money then we can vacation on Nantucket every summer, fly to Paris for New Year's, and drive around in that sleek Mercedes. But do we have to put our desires in the closet now, in order to prosper later? Are we not always going to be working and always going to be trying to earn as much money as we possibly can so that we can take a week here and a week there for vacation?

Failure: Disappointing someone is one of the worst feelings in the world. But worse, knowing that a potential action you take may lead to failure in the eyes of another is toxic. It makes you feel guilt for ages, dragging you down and plaguing your conscience, until you no longer can stand the weight of it on your shoulders. This fear of failure in the eyes of another keeps our dreams, wishes, and aspirations at bay.

We are afraid to defy gravity. Caught in a web of guilt trips and fears, we are too afraid to fight our way out. If we get out, we tend to come crawling right back in.

Why don't we just leap, only look forward, and not let anyone bring us down?

David Foster Wallace once said, the problem is "how to keep from going through your comfortable, prosperous, respectable adult life dead, unconscious, a slave to your head and to your natural default setting of being uniquely, completely, imperially alone day in and day out." Think about it: our 'natural default setting.' We are trained to think on a setting, a 'slave' to societies will.

We are being held back by a gravitational pull so great that we are unconscious of its hands wrapped around us, keeping us in a 'dead,' 'unconscious' lifestyle that we have learned to accept as routine.

So let's do something about it! Instead of going with the daily grind, make something of the day; do something that will make you happy. Leave behind fears of disappointing someone, or not succeeding. Most importantly, enjoy it. Have the courage to act, break the puppeteer's strings, and then don't look back. Just do it.

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not let this mess spill over into our borders. We have to put pressure on the Mexican government to target these drug cartels, not take bribes, and use any and all forces necessary to take them out.

I'm worried about journalists and politicians - in other words, those who are able to tell the story, and those who have the capability of holding power, because their heads are being found suspended from bridges all over the place.

So don't let the Molotov cocktails fool you, Cancun otherwise is still a lovely place to visit.

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Vigilance is the name of the game



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OP/ED COLUMNIST

Last week European and Pakistani law enforcement and intelligence agencies were able to foil a series of deadly terrorist plots in the works. This scheme is said to be modeled off of the Mumbai terrorist attacks in India that occurred two years ago. Unfortunately, last week's developments have proven once again that our world is not safe. Innocent people all over the world, including us, are still faced with truly life threatening en-

emies. It is often difficult to understand the mentality of terrorists, but doing so will enable us to defend ourselves from our enemies.

Some may scoff at the idea of a simplified or black-and-white explanation of radical terrorism, but this unique danger we are up against calls for it. Let's face facts: terrorism before and after 9/11 has always had the same intentions. Terrorists have shown they are unrelenting in their efforts to kill and scare Americans and the infidels of the Western world. Our way of life, our form of government, and our cultures are too much for them to tolerate, so the only reasonable solution is murder. Terrorists don't distinguish between children and adults, men and women, ethnicity or nationality, political ideology, or even one's stance on the issue of terrorism. They do not care! To put it simply, we, as Americans, are all targets.

As we have seen, the fight ain't over yet. The terrorists' mission of death and destruction is targeted directly to the United States and Europe. This "Mumbai style" attack was expected to hit cities in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, and Belgium. It is still quite early into the investigation, so the governments of the countries involved have only been able to determine that

there was an imminent threat. The attacks were likely to strike at major European airports and involve "commando-like" groups of terrorists targeting civilians. Arrests were made in France and in Germany, where the terror cell under investigation is based. Even this vague conclusion has to be taken as seriously as possible.

The enemy is on the move and constantly plotting new attacks. So the most important thing to ask is how are we to combat this radical, stubborn enemy? Our strategy should revolve around vigilance.

The United States must strengthen and keep its intelligence gathering methods running. If we don't have good intelligence - regarding suspected terrorists and known plots then we will lack the ability to stop future acts of terrorism. The controversial wiretapping program and legal, enhanced interrogation methods are critical information gathering tools that allow our government and security networks to protect us. The Department of Homeland Secu-

rity and local and state law enforcement need to maintain a strong presence in our cities and towns. Heightened security measures and screening are a must in airports, train and subway stations, in malls, near government buildings, around landmarks, at schools, and in densely populated areas. If we can continue to destroy the financial support networks international terrorists depend on we can severely limit their capabilities.

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difficult here at home and abroad is part of our strategy. We are so fortunate that there has not been another attack on American soil since 9/11; nevertheless moves towards repeating the attacks we experienced on 9/11 are all too obvious. The United States security situation the does

not need the politicization of the War on Terror and the tools we utilize to fight the enemy. Let's keep up the attack-free track record since 9/11. We have done it and must continue the safety we have been fortunate enough to live with.

FROM HOMOPHOBIA | PAGE 2 have bled over to affect openly gay people in our armed forces; Don't Ask Don't Tell, which bars openly queer people from being in the military, is still in effect. Though many people in the current executive branch are asking to repeal the act, public interest polls often suggest that the majority of Americans support the act on the basis that gay men in the military is unsafe for our straight men, tantamount to having a woman on the front lines.

Don't Ask Don't Tell is an example of institutionalized homophobia. How many thousands of people has the act negatively affected? Of course, it is impossible to tell,

because the reach of such forms of discrimination are not always quantifiable. But it is safe to say that for every Lt. Dan Choi that is kicked out of the military, there are hundreds who are silenced by fear.

It is our responsibility to investigate how discrimination exists not in the individual but in the institutions that we create. Mel Gibson could not be homophobic without the papal doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. The racialized slaughter of Oscar Grant could not exist without the allowance of racial profiling in police forces across the country. The tragic suicide of freshman at Rutgers could not exist without the heteronormativity of the college social scene.

ALTERNATIVE BREAK TRIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Hurry!! Space is available for all trips!!
All trips are affordable.

Alternative Winter Break Service Trip to Romero Center in Camden, New Jersey
Sunday, January 9-Friday, January 14, 2011. Make new friends and challenge yourself as you spend a week doing service through an urban retreat and social justice education center. Contact Liz Fonseca, Danielle Luszczuk or Carolyn Sciblo for more information.

Habitat for Humanity

A regional site will be chosen for the week of Spring Break (March 5th - March 12th, 2011). Past locations have been in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Virginia. Contact Chaplain Peter Bredlau (x3120 or pbredlau@muhlenberg.edu) for more information.

Service Trip to Florida

This trip will include a variety of service opportunities. It is also scheduled for the week of Spring Break (March 5th - March 12th, 2011). Contact Chaplain Peter Bredlau (x3120 or pbredlau@muhlenberg.edu) for more information.

Do you have enough
meals to last the semester?

Meal Plan	Oct 1	Nov 1	Dec 1
Gold	210	144	88
Silver	175	120	73
Bronze	150	103	63
Cardinal	70	48	29

*These numbers represent that approximate amount of meals you should have at the appropriate date.

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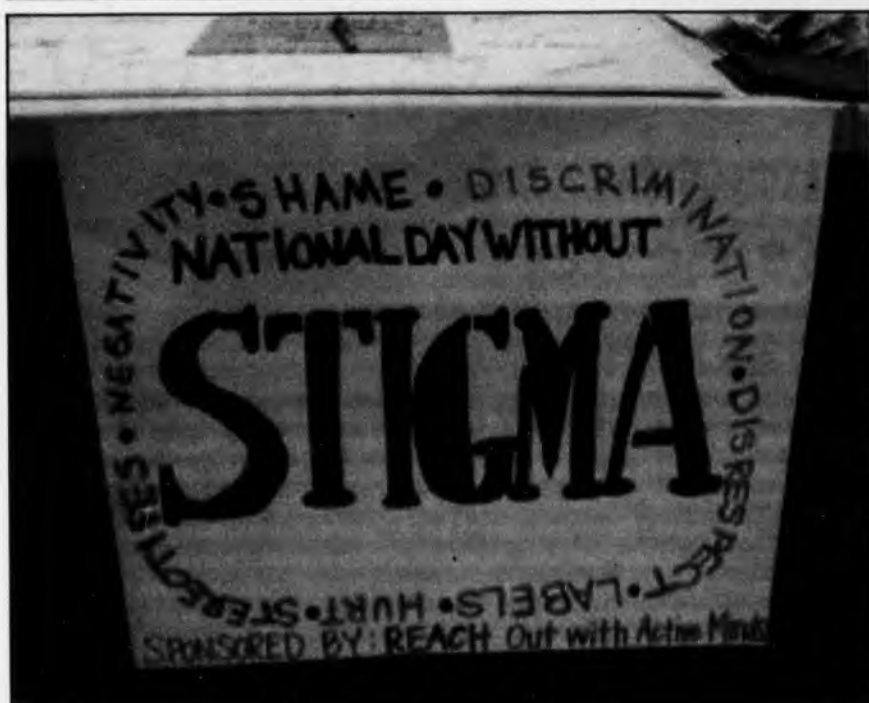
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Muhlenberg promotes the National Day without Stigma

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Yes we CAN talk about it: Active Minds presents Stomp Out Stigma

By JEAN-MARIE DeLUCA
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This week, Active Minds at Muhlenberg is participating in the national cause of eradicating stigma. Active Minds is a student organization whose mission is to change the conversation about mental health. This mission is accomplished through health awareness, education, and advocacy. The goal of Stomp out Stigma is to remove stigma by promoting awareness and thus increasing help seeking behavior. Think about the judgments you make this week, try not to brand people by the clothes they wear, clubs they join, place they live, and how they act, especially be mindful of the associations made about mental health.

Stop by the Active Minds table in the Seeger's Union Lobby Wednesday through Friday and pick up an aluminum can and decorate it with a representation of how you feel you're stigmatized. After you've decorated your can, drop it off in the boxes in Seeger's Union, Trexler Library, or the Center for the Arts. Then on Friday at 9:30pm come to the Event Space in Seeger's (where the Garden Room used to be!) for a night of stand up comedy featuring Dan Jimenez '11, Mike Bloom '11, and Allie Dilorio '11. During the comedy show we'll take a moment to stomp the cans and stomp out stigmas!

"Is God A Mathematician?"

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA
Co-EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Thurs., Sept. 30, Astrophysicist Mario Livio of the Space Telescope Science Institute spoke to students about the existential implications of mathematics and physical science. Winner of both the Peano and International Pythagoras Prizes for mathematics and writing, Livio centered his presentation around his new book, "Is God a Mathematician?"

"Math is the Golden Standard of science," began Livio, addressing just how much math is a part of the scientific process. What he questions in his research, however, is whether math is in fact a universal concept.

He addressed this question by discussing the creation of 'new math.' This kind of math results in two types of outcomes: active effectiveness and passive effectiveness. Math that is actively effective is used as a tool to explain a phenomenon, while passively effective math is created without any applications in mind. This second form of new math, as explained by Livio, often explains some physical phenomenon in the future.

So if math can be modeled after existing phenomena but also created independent of it, are we really creating math, or is it inherent in the world around us? Is math an invention or a discovery?

There are well-known mathematicians who believe that math is inherent in nature, but also those who believe math is an entirely human invention. Livio's response

to this complex chicken-and-egg question is that both answers are partially correct: math is an invention and a discovery.

To support his belief, Livio presented three examples. First was the Golden Ratio, 1.61803..., a concept that was named and created by humans. Second, the Fibonacci Sequence, in which each of the numbers following zero and one equal the sum of the previous two numbers, was also an invention. The fact that the Fibonacci numbers converge to the Golden Ratio was a discovery. "Humans had no choice in this," he explained, creating clarity and understanding for the packed audience. "Humans invented the concepts and then discovered the relations."

With this conclusion, Livio said that there is no guarantee that a mathematical model exists for a particular phenomenon. Some problems, he claimed, cannot be solved mathematically. The fact that we could never mathematically predict gambling results proves for Livio that math can't be all-powerful. Instead, it is often determined by the society around it.

For example, if we lived in an underwater universe where we were all jellyfish, would our units of measurement be the same? Livio, using this comedic example, showed that math can't exist independent of the world around it.

So, is God a mathematician? The question itself, concluded Livio, may be more important than finding its answer. "Is God a mathematician" is not about God, instead, the question is about the power of math in the universe.



Center for Ethics welcomes Astrophysicist Mario Livio

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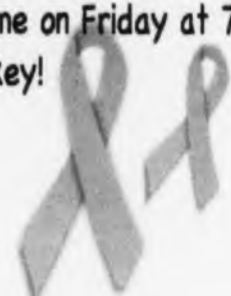
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Did you know?




Right now there are more than 2½ million breast cancer survivors in the United States!

The fight is NOT over though: In 2010 alone there have already been 207,090 new cases of invasive breast cancer in women and 1,970 in men.

Today, Thurs., Oct. 7 and tomorrow, Fri., Oct. 8 help Colleges Against Cancer spread awareness and raise money for the fight against Breast Cancer! Stop by the table in Seegers to buy an "I love boobies" bracelet or just to pick up a pink ribbon pin showing that you support the cause. Also, join us at the hockey game on Friday at 7 p.m. for boob-inspired baked goods and to watch a great game of hockey!



Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High: 74 Low: 47	High: 67 Low: 43	High: 69 Low: 42

Weekly Sudoku: Puzzle #1

Check next week's paper for answers!

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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 27 – Injured Student – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 27 – Sexual Assault – On campus, there was a “Jane Doe” report of a sexual assault. A notice was sent to the campus community. In compliance with the “Timely Notice” provision of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistic Act of 1998, the Department of Campus Safety and Security is giving notice to the campus community of an alleged sexual assault reported on Sept. 27. The incident was reported to Campus Police as a Jane Doe report. The alleged sexual assault occurred in the late evening of Saturday, Sept. 25 or in the early morning hours of Sunday, Sept. 26. The incident occurred in a campus residential facility on campus. The suspect is a student known to the victim. To protect yourself, do not leave drinks unattended and be wary of accepting drinks from people you do not know well. To be even more careful, make sure that you open and pour your own drink and don’t share the drinks with others. It is also wise to use the buddy system while socializing. When you go out with friends, agree to keep an eye on one another and to go home together. If a friend starts to exhibit signs of extreme alcohol consumption, seek medical help immediately. Signs to look for include but are not limited to: dizziness and/or nausea, vomiting, memory loss, breathing or motion difficulties, and acting disproportionately intoxicated relative to the amount of alcohol consumed. The Department of Campus Safety urges anyone who believes they, or a friend, are the victim of a sexual assault to seek medical attention and report the incident to Campus Safety or local law enforcement. The Department of Campus Safety is located in the lower level of Prosser Hall and can be reached at 484-664-3110. Victims of any form of sexual assault are encouraged to seek confidential support at the College Counseling Center located on the second floor of the Life Sports Center and can be reached at 484-664-3178.

Sept. 27 – Harassment by Communication – In the Haas College Center, first floor, there was a report of harassment by communication via telephone.

The investigation will continue.

Sept. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 27 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost laptop.

Sept. 27 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found ATM card. The item was brought to Campus Safety and was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 28 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2145 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 28 – Found Property – In Trumbower, third floor, there was a report of a found laptop and notebook. The items were placed in the lost and found locker and were later claimed by the owner.

Sept. 28 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center responded and the student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 28 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 28 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2245 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 28 – Point of Information – In the New Science Building, there was a report of an individual refusing to give their name to a student monitor. The individual was identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Sept. 29 – Injured Student – In East Hall, block A, third floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt toast. The system

was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 29 – Found Property – In Parents Plaza, there was a report of found glasses. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Sept. 30 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of two found student IDs. The students were notified and picked up the items.

Sept. 30 – Check the Welfare/ Locate – In Walz Hall, first floor, the welfare of a student was checked. An officer spoke with a student. There was no further incident.

Sept. 30 – Larceny/Theft – On campus, there was a report of theft of items from a purse. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 30 – Injured Student – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 30 – Sick Student – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 30 – Point of Information – Off campus, Allentown Police are looking for four males who were looking into houses in the 300 block of Broad St. This is several blocks west of campus. No students were involved but Allentown Police Department is asking for people to be on the alert. The suspects are described as two white males, two African American males, wearing all black, possibly wearing hoodies, one white suspect wearing a green hat, and one suspect may be carrying a gun. The suspects were last seen traveling on foot toward the College. If you see anyone suspicious call Campus Safety or 911.

Oct. 1 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of an intoxicated student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the Health Center. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 1 – Injured Visitor – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an injured visitor. The Health Center

was notified and responded. Allentown EMS responded as well and transported the individual to the hospital.

Oct. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 439 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, no cause could be found that would set off the alarm. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 1 – Court Ordered Restraining Order – Off campus, a restraining order was issued against a non-student individual and a student.

Oct. 1 – Larceny/Theft – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of theft of a Mule costume from a student locker. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 1 – Found Property – In the front drive, there was a report of found money. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Oct. 1 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A student was arrested by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking, Public Drunkenness, and Disorderly Conduct.

Oct. 2 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded to the scene. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 2 – Injured Student – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 2 – Injured Student – In Robertson Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 2 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner later claimed the item.

Oct. 2 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone between the Life Sports Center and the Prosser Hall quad area.

Oct. 2 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost pair of sunglasses in the Life Sports Center or Seegers Union.

Oct. 2 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of vandalism to a tree. A non-student was cited by Allentown Police Department for Criminal Mischief.

Oct. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 3 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 3 – Larceny/Theft – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a stolen camera from an off campus location. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 3 – Larceny/Theft – On campus, there was a report of theft of a room key. Plant Operations personnel responded and changed the locks.

Oct. 3 – Simple Assault – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of an assault. Three students were involved in a physical altercation earlier in the day. Minor injuries were reported. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 3 – Suspicious Person – In Trexler Library, there was a report of an individual viewing inappropriate material. The suspect was identified and left the area.

WEEKLY

Life!

"I know it hurts. But it's life, and it's real. And sometimes it really hurts, but it's life, and it's sorta all we have."

- Garden State

Dance Department's NYC Trip: *Vollmond* modern dance performance

BY TORIE PAONE & KELSEY HUTCHINSON
LIFE EDITOR & ASST. LIFE EDITOR

On Sat. evening, Oct. 2, the Dance Department organized a trip to

the chaotic streets of Manhattan to arrive safely in Brooklyn. Thankfully, we arrived around 6:00 p.m., which was just in time for a quick dinner.

Torie Paone: Where did you eat dinner and when

did you leave to arrive at the performance?

Kelsey Hutchison: We ate a brisk dinner at Subway, which was quite the experience. It was a first experience for my friends and me as neither one of us had ever been to Subway. We left in a hurry to arrive at the performance at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), which started approximately at 7:30 p.m.

Torie Paone: What were your first impressions when you arrived at the venue?

Kelsey Hutchison: BAM is a beautiful brick building, which houses a theatre, cinema, and café. At first, it was intimidating because we couldn't find the theatre within the building. While that is a common

mishap, at the time it was quite frustrating. We were in peril until an usher directed us to the sole elevator, which barely held the capacity of four people. I was slightly terrified for our safety, but somehow we arrived at the top floor of the theatre.

Torie Paone: Sounds intense! What was this performance called? What did it entail?

Kelsey Hutchison: The performance was titled *Vollmond*, which is German for Full Moon. This makes sense, as Pina Bausch is a German originated modern company.

Torie Paone: Can you describe what type of dance modern is for those who don't understand that type of movement? How do you personally feel about modern? What is your favorite type of style of dancing?

Kelsey Hutchison: Modern is hard to describe because there are many different styles within this genre. Typically, it is more grounded and is open to more expression than some other genres. For me, it depends on the style of modern, as I am more ballet-oriented. However, I really enjoyed watching this performance and sharing the experience with my

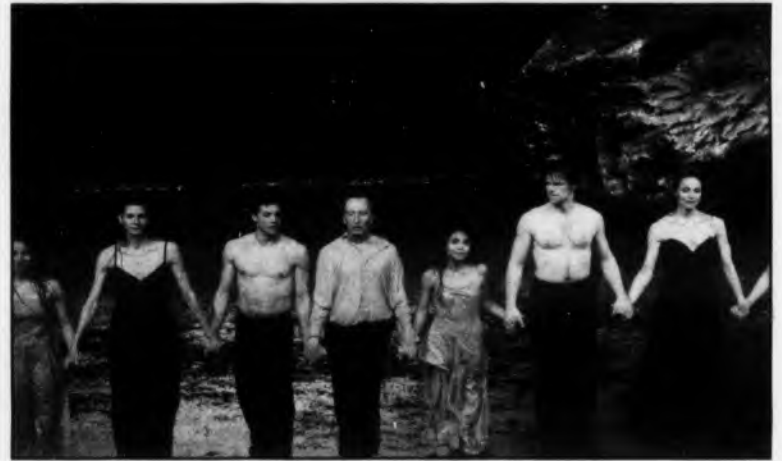
friends. I found the movement in the show captivating and the staging and aesthetics intriguing.

Torie Paone: What was the meaning and intent behind the piece?



The late Pina Bausch, director & choreographer of *Vollmond*.

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The German cast of Pina Bausch.

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Brooklyn, NY to see *Vollmond*, a performance by modern dance company Pina Bausch.

There were twelve performers in this 90-minute performance and not only did the students discover that dancers could be elegant and beautiful, but they also found that dancers are true acrobats. The dancers performed immersed in water and slid down a rock into water and still managed to look graceful.

This performance was created, directed and choreographed by the late Pina Bausch, who died of cancer in 2009. The company adopted her name and passion and brought it to America as part of the Brooklyn Academy of Music's (BAM) Next Wave Festival.

The performance was raved about by all who attended the performance and students are looking forward to future dance trips, including the David Parsons trip at Lehigh.

Torie Paone: First of all, who attended this NYC trip?

Kelsey Hutchison: I went because it was a requirement for my Dance and Society class. Other than my class, both Dance Composition and both sections of Dance Technique and Performance were required to attend.

Torie Paone: How did you all arrive at NYC?

Kelsey Hutchison: We left 'Berg at 3:30 p.m. and filled two buses to capacity. There were no empty seats left; I was lucky to find one. We were making good time until we hit NYC Saturday evening traffic. All seemed lost, until the bus driver cleverly maneuvered through

Kelsey Hutchison: I found the performance thought-provoking as it played with the ideas of gender norms including sex's place in our society.

Torie Paone: What was something special about the performance that caught your attention?

Kelsey Hutchison: I was particularly intrigued by the use of water in this performance as near the middle of the first act it began to rain on stage.

This rain then flowed into a stream on the middle of the stage, which the dancers proceeded to play and swim in. There was also a lot of drinking imagery and use of other props such as drinking glasses, spools of fabric, knives, and a huge rock.

Torie Paone: Describe the atmosphere in the theatre. Do you think the audience, your friends included, enjoyed the performance?

Kelsey Hutchison: The initial reaction of the audience was shock in regard to the use of water. This kept

the audience enthralled and on the edge of their seats throughout the performance. I can safely say that both my friends and I and hopefully the rest of the audience immensely enjoyed this performance.

Torie Paone: What did you do after the performance?

Kelsey Hutchison: After the performance, we once again crammed back into the elevator and proceeded to board the buses where we all promptly fell asleep for the ride back. We arrived at the College well after midnight. I am grateful the experience and education that amounted as a result of this trip.

I realized that you learn a lot more about dance than just movement. You learn about technique, strength, passion, and the message that the dance is ultimately trying to convey to the audience. The entire theatre was

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Weekend fun, Weekday woes

By ANONYMOUS

It is ten o'clock on a Saturday and the red Dixie cups have made their first appearance of the night. Students slowly make their way to the various parties of the night. Though it is sad to say that every weekend a majority of students take part in this college ritual, it does lead to some epic stories. Although, sometimes I must admit they lead to awkward stories as well.

Most hook-ups all start the same way, which is pretty hilarious. Someone meets a person of the opposite gender at a party, this person is giving off a good vibe, and this makes both of their confidence levels rise instantaneously. They are both feeling hot due to the chemistry between them and the crowded basement that they are confined in, and it is obvious to everyone there that they are destined to hook-up. I can see how it is fun and there are no strings attached (or at least that is what you hope the situation is), which enables future encounters to be drama free (that is if you are really lucky).

These are the hookups that become a ten at two. Meaning at ten o'clock on a weekend, a student will arrive at a party and see someone of the opposite gender, and think that on a scale of one to a ten regarding looks, they are about a two. After a night of partying, the person they saw several hours prior becomes so much hotter and more desirable. These situations end up becoming confusing, awkward, and regretful.

There are also the scenarios where hook-ups occur, but approaching one another after the fact is uncomfortable and uneasy. There should be a guidebook for "what to do" after an awkward hook-up occurs on campus, especially when going to a small school like Muhlenberg. Unfortunately, there is not an all-knowing guide to how to make awkward run-ins with hookups less tense or shameful.

There are, however, some key pointers that can help the situation. First of all, guys should grow a pair and stop pretending like it never happened. Girls should mature to an age older than five years old and stop lying to their friends about their "mistakes" from the other night. All parties involved should face the fact that they "might" have spent the prior night in bed with a newfound romantic partner...hey it happens to the best of them, so accept that the event took place and move on. If

you want to be mature and be what is known as the "better" person in the situation, say "hello" and be confident. Act like you don't care and honestly if you do care you shouldn't have put yourself in that situation in the first place. Don't act like lost duck because you will look stupid to everyone else and the person you did the "dirty deed" with.

Stop thinking about it! The more you think about the situation and focus on this person, the more the situation will become that much more annoying and awkward for everyone involved. If you want any chance of saving the relationship and being friends then you have to relax and moved past it. Honestly, it's not the end of the world if you hooked up with your best friend. Here is what you learned...

you made a mistake, now embrace it! Even if you feel a sense of regret, it is better to laugh at yourself because it teaches you a lesson about life.

The lesson is...crap happens and lands on your doorstep at some point. You might as well learn to laugh at yourself now, or you will never survive the hard road that is life. College wouldn't be as fun if you were perfect and didn't go out and make mistakes. Enjoy this bubble because it only lasts four years and then you go into the real world.

*You might as well learn
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Just let it all flow out.

Now, envision every one of your favorite movies and television shows. Subtract only the ones that include male/female sex sequences. Okay, now take out the ones that feature romantic relationships among any of the characters. Do the same with your favorite songs and books (same formula).

Truth is, we're not left with very much.

Strip further for me. Great. Those clothes brought you down anyway. Now peel off that layer of hurried knowledge you got from your parents when they first caught you. Pick those painful scabs of proper moral behavior you got from family tradition or religion early on in life—you know, the ones that have been itching the hell out of you ever since that first day of college.

Strip down every layer until the walls of social sexual construction crash down all around you and are nothing but gray dust at your feet.

Don't forget to breathe.

Take a look around. Seriously, pick your head up and take a good look. Now close your eyes and picture a purer world without sex embedded into society.

What are you seeing? Hopefully, a crowd of naked people occupying some empty space somewhere that do not quite

know what to do with each other.

Now we're getting somewhere.

You can put your clothes back on now. The point of this exercise is to take a step back and recognize the extent to which sexuality dominates thought in our culture. Consciously and unconsciously, it seems to determine the clothes we wear, the media we absorb ourselves with, even the life we ultimately choose to lead. And there's not much we can do about it. From the day we are born we enter this cultural machine; our minds are conditioned by level after level of brainwashing and by the time we come out, the social norms of our country are effectively fixed in our DNA.

But this brainwashing has the unfortunate side effect of manipulating our desires. Society's helping hand in our development has rooted within many of us a very static sense of what is normal in terms of gender and sexuality. Despite the Feminist movements of the 20th century and the rising numbers of females in the workplace, we are still teaching our children that men are the breadwinners, the strong protectors, the givers of life, essentially, and that women belong in the kitchen, are vulnerable, are necessary vessels for reproduction and ought to stay back at home and care for their young.

We insist that our society is progressive, that we don't hold these prejudices anymore, but there is still very clearly sexism. Men and women are still held to these standards, and, to some extent, they still feel obligated to be worker and homemaker, respectively. And for a lot of them, that even feels good.

Similarly, in terms of sexual natures, men are expected to be horny and brave in their horniness when pursuing elusive females, who are expected to be ravenous and wild, lustful beings until sated by the good man and his virtuous rod. This is no exaggeration: this ideology is perpetuated in Disney movies and by entertainers like Miley Cyrus, who showed she was a different kind of entertainer in her music video for the song "Can't be Tamed." It's

not their fault: sex sells.

Especially culturally constructed, monogamous, straight sex.

But this is the old way of thinking—the old standard—the old sex.

Our society may be on the verge of unleashing the "New" sex. What is that you ask? The "New sex" is a sex not regulated by culture. It's the product of peeling all the societal construction from your Being, looking deep inside yourself, and claiming your true nature and your true sexuality for what it really is. For some, this might mean finding your own gender identity, which is yours to be completely no matter what component parts you came with. For others, this might mean not changing at all—and that's fine too.

Ultimately we're all just people, and the "New" sex is about being true to that person inside yourself—if that person you were before you were influenced by your parents, the schools, movies and television. Its tough, damn near impossible. But wouldn't this world be a happier place if we saw each other for what we truly are and not for the ways we are different?

But to expect such a change is naive. It would take another French Revolution, a time of such radical change that after the usurping, the people could go back to the fundamentals of government and living without even caring to look back.

As a culture, we may never as one embrace anything like the "New" sex. The old sex is too grounded in our present way of life, and has been ever since early human history. I'm not arguing that sex isn't crucial to humanity; if anything, it is most important. But something as personal as that should be left up to the individuals to decide on, and they should not be persecuted for the ways they wish to express themselves.

It's important that we continue to question the validity of our desires—where they come from—for there might be a truer individual begging to be expressed, on the inside.

AMC Weekend Listings



Case 39

Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 7:40

Let Me In

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:30, 5:20, 8:30

Life As We Know It

Fri. 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 2:10, 5:10, 7:50

My Soul To Take

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:20

Wall Street 2

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:00

The Social Network

Fri. 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:10

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Oct. 7

1) Personacards: Personalized Greeting Cards from 4-7 pm in Seeger Upper Lobby.

2) Polaroid Stories: A dreamscape of loneliness and heartbreak among urban youth. Based on Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. From 8-10 pm in the Black Box in the Trexler Pavilion for the Theatre and Dance.

Fri. Oct. 8

1) Muhlenberg Ice Hockey Game vs. Lebanon Valley at The Rink at Lehigh Valley. Muhlenberg School Bus to depart from Archway behind Trumbower at 6:30 pm game begins at 7 pm. Bus will return to campus after the game.

2) Polaroid Stories from 8-10 pm in the Black Box.

Sat. Oct. 9

1) Volleyball Game vs. Washington (Md.) from 12-2 pm at Memorial Hall/Field House.

2) Football Game v. Juniata from 1-2:30 pm at Scotty Wood

Statium.

3) Mens Soccer Game vs. Washington (Md.) from 1-3 pm at Varsity Field.

4) Polaroid Stories from 2-4 pm in the Black Box.

5) West Fest from 3-7 pm on the Brown Mall.

6) Volleyball Game vs. Scranton from 4-6 pm at Memorial Hall/Field House.

7) Women's Soccer Game vs. Washington (Md.) from 5-7 pm at Varsity Field.

8) Polaroid Stories from 8-10 pm in the Black Box.

Sun. Oct. 10

1) Polaroid Stories from 2-4 pm in the Black Box.

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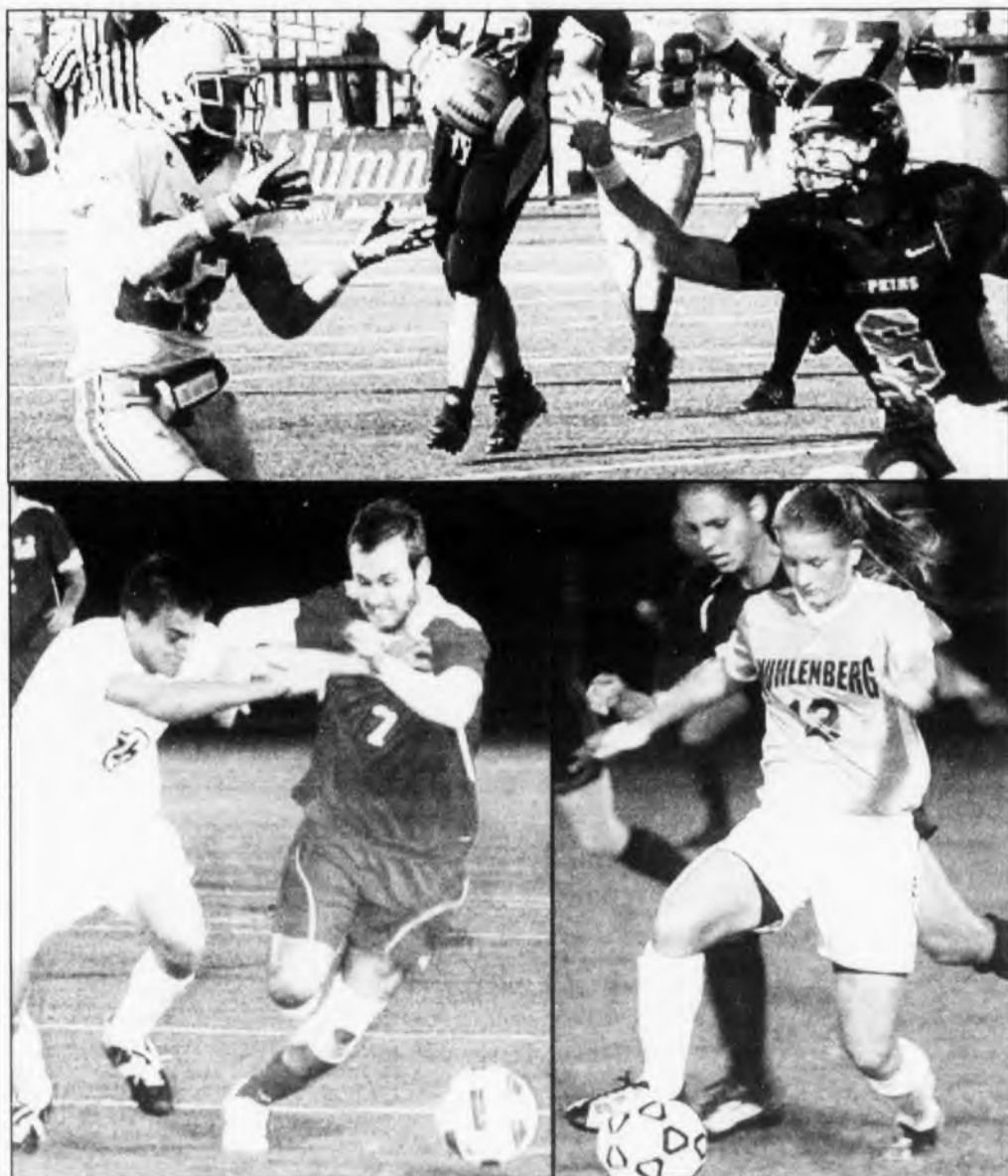
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Clockwise from top: Junior Defensive Back Steve Nissley recovers a fumbled toss by the Blue Jay's Quarterback; Senior Megan O'Grady leads the Lady Mules with six goals on the year; Senior Midfielder Mike Williams helped the Mules to a tie against Johns Hopkins during the Baltimore school's Homecoming.

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MULINGS

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY OCT. 7 - THURSDAY OCT. 14

Volleyball

Oct. 9

Washington (MD) 12:00

Scranton 4:00

Oct. 12

@ Swarthmore 7:00

Women's Soccer

Oct. 9

Washington (MD) 4:00

Oct. 13

@ Swarthmore 5:00

Football

Oct. 9

Juniata 1:00

Field Hockey

Oct. 9

@ McDaniel 5:30

Oct. 13

@ Swarthmore 4:00

Men's Soccer

Oct. 9

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Oct. 13

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Oct. 9

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Division I Athletes Should Get Paid

By JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

Let's assume you're the starting quarterback of a major Division I College's Football team. Your team is undefeated and heading to the national championship game. Every one of the 50,000+ students at the school are wearing your jersey proudly. Millions more across the country are too. The home stadium is sold out every game. Millions of dollars in ad revenue is being spent on the national network broadcasting your game. You are a money making machine. And you're not getting a dime.

Division I athletes, like all college athletes, do not get paid for their services, despite the fact that they bring in millions for their college. Because of their amateur status, they are forbidden from receiving compensation. They have to wait for their day with the pros.

But that day doesn't always come. Between injuries and just not being good enough, many athletes get left in the dust. And too often, that star quarterback leaves college with no discernible skills, other than being able to throw a football well.

While we may consider collegiate athletes to be privileged, they are getting a bad deal: their version of work-study includes all work, little study, and no money.

Let's face it: student-athletes in Division I programs, particularly those who play football and basketball, are not really student-athletes. Sure, they take classes, but that's not their priority-- it's getting ready for the next game. While student-athletes at smaller colleges do an admirable job of balancing work and athletics, the athletic demand is nowhere near what it would be at a Division I school.

If we consider athletes to be students first, then they'll never get paid. And that's where it has to change. Division I athletes are athletes first, and students on the side. They are athletes who happen to go to class. And they need to be paid.

Despite the fact that most, if not all, of these players receive a free education, they are not taking advantage of that education. Their schedule is just too demanding, and the weight is heavily placed on sports-related items.

Major conferences, cable networks, merchandisers all reap the benefits from these athletes. Schools take in upwards of \$30 million in profits, just from football. The players are the equivalent of free labor, and while there are laws against such things, collegiate athletics don't seem to mind.

This is not about feeling bad for Division I athletes. Many will go on to make millions. This is about fairness. If a college is raking in the money from a sport program, enough money to finance new stadiums, campus expansion and more, then the players who earn that money need to be compensated justly. The coaches, who often stay for a few years and then leave, earn upwards of \$2 million dollars. The players, who end up doing most of the work, earn nothing.

Let's end the nonsense. Let's recognize Division I athletes for what they are-- athletes. Let's pay them a fair salary for all the work they do for their college and for our entertainment.

We're not talking about millions of dollars, just a salary that is enough to live on, maybe equivalent to a minor league baseball salary. Division I athletes are money makers, who make no money. For collegiate athletics to be truly fair, then athletes need to be paid.

Running or Swimming? These folks will do anything to make it across the finish line

By GIL M. SCHPERO
SPORTS WRITER

Last Friday the Muhlenberg men's and women's cross country teams traveled a short distance to compete in the annual Paul Short Run at Lehigh University. The race took place after a wowing 8 inches of rain fell on the Lehigh Valley leaving the Goodman Campus course muddy and goopy. Fortunately this did not have any damper on either the men or the women's performances. The race was large with an additional 35 teams in the Women's race and 39 other teams in the Men's race.

"We were all covered in mud, from head to toe," said junior Melissa Ugelow. "In past seasons we've run in sleet and rain; this was just another one of the elements. That's what makes cross country cross country." Historically the sport says nothing against having courses with obstacles such as standing water, mountains, or weather restraints.

The men finished 16th out of 40 teams, two-thirds of which were Division I or Division II. Only three Division III squads placed higher than Muhlenberg: Ithaca, New Jersey and Lynchburg, all of which are ranked in other regions. The Mules are ranked ninth in the Mideast Region.

Senior Bobby Torphy came in 16th in the field of 357 runners and was the fourth Division III runner across the line with a time of 25:49. Bobby McGetrick was the third Division III freshman to finish, coming in 95th overall with a time of 26:49. Following both the Bobbys' was Sophomore Brendan Smith finishing 111 overall with a time of 26:57. Junior William Lowery followed with a 27:16, Senior Ryan

Wilson with a 27:17, Freshman Charlie Kline ran a 27:47, and Sophomore Nate Crossette finished with a 28:07. Spectacular times given the weather and condition of the course.

The women were eighth out of 36 teams, finishing behind two Centennial Conference teams and ahead of two others. For the second meet in a row, a freshman was the top Muhlenberg finisher, as Nicole Cronin came in 26th out of 280 entrants with a time of 23:37, five places ahead of Sophomore Samantha Mayden crossed with a time of 23:52. Melissa Ugelow finished with a time of 24:39, Sophomore Erica Bash at 24:56, Freshman Ramzy Burns at 25:07, Junior Ashley Greenberg with a time of 25:36, and Senior Dana Tedesco with a time of 26:34. Wonderful races ladies!

"It was fun [running through mud and puddles], and we all had a good time," said Ugelow. "There were so many people around us it was easy to keep running hard and stay competitive."

The race offered the women a good gauge of their progress, as they ran the same course in their first meet of the season, the Lehigh Valley Championships. Despite the conditions, the Mules saw considerable improvements in their times.

"That first race a lot of us were coming off injuries," explained Ugelow. "This one was to show off what we have, and I think we did a good job of that."

Congrats Mules and we wish you luck at your next race this Saturday for the DeSales Invitational. Please look forward to next week's issue to read the stellar improvements of both the men and women's Cross Country teams.

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Redskin Donovan McNabb a standing ovation this past weekend.

In a related but smaller incident, New York Giants fans resoundingly booing Tiki Barber, one of the Giants best players of all time. In fact, Barber was booed while being inducted into the Giants "Ring of Honor," which honored their 30 greatest players, coaches, and owners dating back to 1925. Barber was once one of the most beloved Giants players of all time, until he made some remarks criticizing quarterback Eli Manning and coach Tom Coughlin in 2006 after he retired. Giants fans still have not forgiven the former Pro Bowler running back, who made these comments as he transitioned into his role as a commentator for NBC.

Tiki Barber is booed every time his name is brought up at Giants Stadium, even though he was getting paid to comment about football topics when he made the remarks about Manning and Coughlin. In contrast, the loudest cheers of the night went to Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor, one of the greatest players in the history of the NFL. Fans are free (though they may have to pay a few hundred dollars to get into the stadium) to voice their displeasure. However, it doesn't seem right to boo Barber while cheering Lawrence Taylor, who has had numerous drug arrests was also recently arrested for statutory rape.

There is often a debate over whether personal issues should keep players from being inducted into the Hall of Fame. Michael Irvin and Lawrence Taylor certainly were not saints off the field, but it is impossible to question their greatness on the field. When players are honored, it is for their athletic achievements. So how could the same group of Giants fans cheer for a former drug addict and boo a man who was critical of their team? This is the same reason Eagles fans can root for Michael Vick, who went to prison for his involvement in a dog fighting ring in 2007. Clearly, loyalty to the team trumps all else.

When it comes to unruly fans, no one is safe. During a Giants-Chargers game in 1995, thousands of fans decided to throw snowballs at each other. One snow/iceball hit Chargers equipment manager Sid Brooks in the face, knocking him unconscious. In the end, there were 14 arrests, 175 ejections, and 15 injuries. Many of the fans getting drunk and causing fights are normal, everyday people. They aren't criminals—they are teachers, lawyers, your friends or neighbors. What causes them to act so outrageous once they enter a sports arena? Too much testosterone and Bud Light? In "Among the Thugs," Buford has his own theory.

"This is, if you like, the answer to the hundred-dollar question: why do young males riot every Saturday? They do it for the same reason that another generation drank too much, or smoked dope, or took hallucinogenic drugs, or behaved badly or rebelliously.

Violence is their antisocial kick, their mind-altering experience, an adrenaline-induced euphoria that might be all the more powerful because it is generated by the body itself, with, I was convinced, many of the same addictive qualities that characterize synthetically-produced drugs."

This aggression does not only affect "young males." In 2008, 43-year-old Ivonne Hernandez, a Yankee fan, ran over and killed Matthew Beaudoin, a 29-year-old Red Sox fan, after Beaudoin chanted "Yankees suck." She was sentenced to 40 years in prison. Just this past Sat., Oct. 2, a Yankee fan was accused of stabbing a Red Sox fan in the neck during an argument over the game. While rowdiness is inevitable, it is tragic when it goes too far and people's lives become endangered.

If there is going to be any violence in sports it should be the tackling and blocking that occurs out on the field. It should not be happening in the stands, parking lots or bars.

It is somewhat naive to expect a bunch of drunk men and women, who spent a lot of money to be at the game and who know they have to go back to work on Monday, not to get rowdy during the game.

Fights will happen. Poor choices will be made. Rival fans each week will curse and fight with one another. Each week fans will be removed from the stadium for fighting—almost always with a fan from an opposing team. My advice when attending a game: root, root, root for the home team.

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again. Johns Hopkins drove to the Muhlenberg 45, converted on fourth down, and cut through the Muhlenberg defense to score on a 13-yard rush for the touchdown, making the score 30-27.

The Blue Jays got their last chance with the ball on the 50 with 3 minutes left to play. They were able to get to the 27, but were backed up on a false start penalty. On the next play, the quarterback found, Muhlenberg Junior Safety Kevin Ryan for the wrong kind of completion, ending their chances of the miraculous comeback.

The Mules offense was led under center by Deighan, who had 149 yards and passed for 3 touchdowns. Dandridge ran for his second straight 100-yard game, with 117 yards. Presently, he is averaging 78.2 yards per game - third in the conference.

The Muhlenberg defense was spectacular, which has already been stated, but they were that good. The Mules were led by senior linebacker Patrick McDonough and junior cornerback Chris Hartzell, with 13 and 8 tackles, respectively. The secondary had five picks: 2 by Ryan, 1 by Accomando, 1 by Nissley, and 1 by Nadell.

Nadell was also named Centennial Conference special teams player of the week (for the second time in his Muhlenberg career). He is averaging, a Centennial Conference leading, 32.9 yards per kickoff return.

The Mules' next game will be at home, within the confines of Scotty Wood Stadium, against conference-worst Juniata (0-4, 0-4) - fresh off a 13-55 drubbing at the hands of Franklin & Marshall. The Eagles have scored only 16 points on the season and have given up 144 points. They are giving up 9 times as many points as they are scoring. All of these statistics are accurate.

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fates. A loss could potentially drop Muhlenberg out of the top 25 teams in the country.

The game didn't start out going as according to plan. The first half was dominated by Johns Hopkins who shot the ball 11 times, as Muhlenberg was only able to record two shots in the first half. However, in the second half, the Mules showed signs of domination when Matt Cecconi took a brilliant shot that was just short of being a goal. The end of regulation came to a close, and it was still zero to zero. The first overtime came and went, with Muhlenberg taking only one shot at JHU, who took only two. For the second straight time, double overtime was going to be needed to decide a game. Muhlenberg fought hard yet again, and after 110 minutes, the whistle blew, and the game ended again in a tie.

Muhlenberg now sits in fourth place in the conference with a record of one win, zero losses, and three ties. Their overall record thus far consists of five wins, zero losses, and four ties. The next few games for Muhlenberg include two straight home games: one on Wed. Oct. 6, against DeSales, and another on Sat., Oct. 9 against Washington College. The fan support for the team has been incredible, and fans are encouraged to keep up the good work.

MULINGS LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Men's Soccer

Sept. 29

@ Dickinson

T 1-1

Oct. 2

@ Johns Hopkins

T 0-0

Football

Oct. 2

@ Johns Hopkins

W 30-27

Men's Golf

Oct. 4

Swarthmore Fall

Invitational

3rd Place

Women's Soccer

Sept. 28

vs. Haverford

W 2-1

Oct. 2

@ Dickinson

L 0-2 (ot)

Cross Country

Oct. 1

Paul Short Run (Lehigh)

Men 8th

Women 14th

Women's Tennis

Sept. 25-26

ITA Southeast Regional

Only Individual

Scores

Field Hockey

Sept. 29

vs. Haverford

L 0-8

Oct. 2

@ Dickinson

L 0-5

Volleyball

Sept. 29

vs. Haverford

L 0-3

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Mules' pass defense: Secondary to none

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

The Muhlenberg football Mules (3-1, 3-0) survived a late onslaught by the defending Centennial Conference champion Johns Hopkins Blue Jays (2-2, 2-1) to stay undefeated in the Conference, winning 30-27 (the third time they've given up 27 points in four games). The Mules' secondary held the Blue Jays to less than 200 passing yards, something that no team has been able to do this season. Johns Hopkins' quarterback was frustrated all day; Muhlenberg intercepted five passes (their most since a 2001 game against Hartwick) and broke up six.

The Mules defense was forced to show up early after the Blue Jays brought the opening kickoff to the 50-yard line. But, Muhlenberg stopped Johns Hopkins on third down when Sophomore Safety Kevin Ryan intercepted, returning it fourteen yards to the Muhlenberg 48.

On their first drive of the game, the Mule offense drove to the Blue Jay 12, due in part to a 40-yard run by Sophomore Running Back Terrence Dandridge, but had to settle for a field goal from Senior Kicker Michael Katz.

Two drives later, the Mules were stopped on their own 19. The Mules botched the punt and the Blue Jays took over on the 6. Two three-yard runs put them in the end zone, and up 7-3. The Mules were able to end the first quarter on a bright note, riding Dandridge and resting on the throwing arm of Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan to close the quarter on the Johns Hopkins 31. A minute into the second quarter, the Mules scored on a 9-yard pass from Deighan to Sophomore Wide Receiver John Gruver, putting Muhlenberg up 10-7.

Johns Hopkins tried to get something started on the ensuing drive, but Senior

Linebacker Mark Accomando picked off the pass and returned it 38 yards, promptly putting the Mules up 10. After the game, Accomando said: "I play a lot of Madden."

Before the half, Katz helped Muhlenberg build the lead further, kicking a 25-yard field goal. The Mules went into the locker room up 20-7.

Muhlenberg allowed two field goals in the second quarter, and failed to score, so the fourth quarter began with the Mules leading, 20-13.

The Mules were able to score again early in the fourth quarter on a drive that carried over from the third. The touchdown was on a pass from Deighan to Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn, who (continuing his streak of acrobatic touchdowns) made a leaping catch for the score.

On the ensuing drive, Junior Cornerback Steve Nissley stopped the rolling Blue Jays with a pick. Then, the Mule pass was picked off, giving Hopkins less than ideal position on their own 2. After they were in turn stopped, and forced to punt, the Mules started with outstanding field position on the 25. Muhlenberg was unable to get a first down, and settled for Katz's third field goal of the day, giving the Mules a seemingly insurmountable 17-point lead with 11 minutes to play.

On the ensuing drive, Junior Cornerback Chase Nadell picked off another Johns Hopkins pass. However, the Mules were forced to punt again, giving the Blue Jays the ball on the 50-yard line. Johns Hopkins completed 5 straight passes on 5 plays to get into the end zone, cutting the Muhlenberg lead to 10.

The Johns Hopkins defense shut down the Muhlenberg offense again, and the Mules punted

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Fandemonium -- A time to yell and cheer, a time to punch and drink beer

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

Sports are not only a competition, but also a social event. For a country that struggles with obesity issues, sports provide people with a way to stay in shape. Many parents encourage their kids to play sports so they can learn about teamwork, cooperation, hard work, and making sacrifices. In the past, sports were even used to prepare young men for battle. While sports can have great benefits for those participating, sporting events seem to bring out the worst in spectators.

Watching sports can turn fans into monsters. Many people know about the soccer hooligans, primarily from Europe and South America, who fight and attack each other with such violence that it would make even Quentin Tarantino cringe. In Green Street Hooligans, watching soccer turns gentle Elijah Wood into a blood thirsty, ferocious little animal. In the book, "Among the Thugs," journalist Bill Buford becomes interested in hooliganism. After years of attending and researching soccer matches he finds himself acting in the same savage and vicious manner as the "thugs" he has been observing.

Spectator violence is evident in America as well. The Philadelphia Eagles used to have a jail cell in their stadium to deal with all the unruly fans! In 2001 Cleveland Browns fans threw beer bottles at referees as they tried to leave the stadium after a controversial call which cost them the game. Giants fans cheered when Keyshawn Johnson broke his ankle during a game in 2005. Fights occur at nearly every stadium across America.

But it is just not violence that is part of the unfortunate behavior fans display at games. Once they step foot in an arena or stadium, many fans seem to lose all sense of morals and character.

While Philadelphia is infamous for its enthusiastic yet extreme fans (Exhibit A: Booing Santa Claus, and cheering when Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin broke his neck) they showed respect by giving longtime Eagle-great and now rival Washington

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Berg Soccer ties two in a row

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

On Wed., Sept. 29, Men's Soccer traveled on the road for an intense match against conference rival Dickinson College. Dickinson crushed Berg's dreams of winning the Centennial Conference last year and the year before that, so the Mules knew they could not let it happen again. Coming into this game Muhlenberg was nationally ranked and another win would only bolster their current standing. Surprisingly, Dickinson came ready to play, completely outshooting Muhlenberg. In the first half alone, Dickinson had nine shots to Berg's lonely three shots. The Dickinson Red Devils scored early in the first twenty minutes, and unfortunately that would be the only goal of the first half. At the end of the half, the Mules were feeling down and out, but they were not ready to give up. They came out ready to play hard in the second half. Their intensity paid off with an unassisted goal by Cody Antonini just seven minutes into the second half of play. They had a brilliant defensive strategy as well, as nine saves in the first 90 minutes of action kept Muhlenberg deadlocked at a tie.

In the first of two overtimes, Muhlenberg fought hard, while they did not get any shots off, they still prevented Dickinson from scoring another goal too. Finally, the game went into an all-decisive double overtime. The game bounced back and forth, but in the end, the final result was a tie. Cody Antonini proved yet again why he is one of the top players in the conference, as he netted his 11th goal of the season. On the defensive side of the ball, goalie Jason Daniels had a career high twelve saves throughout the match, upping his save percentage this season to .844. This well fought match would prove to be helpful in preparing them for an even tougher game: Muhlenberg vs. John's Hopkins at JHU.

Hopkins had just tied and lost a game coming into the match against Muhlenberg, and the Mules were ready to exploit this weakness, as they faced off on October 2, in Baltimore. Both teams are in the top 25, so this game would be an important factor in deciding the

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With two convincing wins, the soccer team stays undefeated on the season

Judy Shepard speaks out against anti-gay violence

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA AND TORIE PAONE
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Around 8:55 on Mon., Oct. 11, Judy Shepard stood in a dimly-lit Seegers classroom, looking out the

window into the haze of a sudden downpour. She was preparing to speak to an audience so filled with students, faculty, and alumni that the Great Room wasn't big enough to hold them all. Students sat on windowsills, and others found seats in the Events Space, where a live feed of Shepard would be available to view. But apprehension about her speech seemed to be the furthest thing from Mrs. Shepard's mind. This date, Oct. 11, should have been a day of celebration. Instead, Mrs. Shepard was preparing to acknowledge the twelfth anniversary of the brutal murder of her son, Matthew.

Mrs. Shepard began by announcing that Oct. 11 is National Coming Out Day. She said that normally this would be a celebratory day, but she is forced to recall the moment her son was declared dead on Oct. 12, 1998 at 12:53 a.m. Her son, Matthew Shepard, was a 21-year old student at the University of Wyoming when he was beaten, tied to fence, and left to die, all because he came out as a homosexual.

Mrs. Shepard shared with the audience her Victim Impact Statement that she gave during Russell Henderson's trial. Russell Henderson was one of the two men responsible for Matthew's murder. The statement allows the family of the victim to convey to the judge the anguish, pain, and devastation the crime has caused. The entire audience sat spellbound as the heartbroken mother read her statement, and twelve years later, still had to choke back tears. Mrs. Shepard took the audience back to the week when Matthew was first attacked, lying in a hospital bed covered in blood, and finally to the moment he passed away.

Judy Shepard and her husband Dennis were living in Saudi Arabia when they received the call on October 8, 1998 at 5 am that their son had been attacked near Laramie, Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard came to understand that Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney had attacked Matthew a little after midnight on October 7, 1998. It was unclear the reasons as to why these men robbed, pistol-whipped, and savagely beat Matthew leaving him tied to a fence for eighteen hours, but Mrs. Shepard believed it was for "twenty dollars and twisted reasons."

When Mr. and Mrs. Shepard finally reached Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado after the long flights back from Saudi Arabia they were shocked at what they saw. Matthew lay in his bed motionless and unaware of the world around him. His face was covered with blood, stitches, and lashes from the pistol-whipping that left him unrecognizable. Mrs. Shepard knew it was her son only because of his braces and the "cute little bump" on his ear he had since he was born. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard and their younger son Logan wondered how such an event could take place, especially to their Matthew. He was described by his father as "an optimistic and accepting young man who had a special gift of relating to almost



Judy Shepard, mother of the late Matthew Shepard

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA



Judy Shepard addresses her Mon. night audience, filled with students, faculty, and alumni

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Fall Break Top Ten

The week has come to a close and finally after all the papers, midterm exams, and countless cups of coffee, Fall Break is finally here. We know that most people are planning on laying on the couch all break sleeping and watching television to recuperate from the stress of the first half of the semester, but here are some ways to have fun without watching the world go by while sleeping on the couch.

1. Patronize your local farms and spend a beautiful day outside picking pumpkins to carve or make into a delicious pie (or just for decorations). Simply use Google to find a list of farms in your area.
2. While you're at the farm, you can always hop on a hayride so you don't have to lug your twenty-pound pumpkin back to your car.
3. So, how much did you like that farm? Because there is one last thing that you can do to get in the seasonal spirit. Some farms offer huge corn mazes complete with clues and maps to make things extra hard, which promises to offer hours and hours of delight (or frustration).
4. If you don't like pumpkins, you can always go to an apple orchard and gather bushels of various types of this traditional fall fruit. Take those apples and bake them into a pie or...
5. Make homemade caramel apples. Simply gather a few apples, a container of caramel sauce, a stick and voila - instant bliss (unless you're allergic to apples...).
6. Get in the Halloween spirit and go to a haunted house. Make sure you bring a willing companion that won't mind your fright-filled screams!
7. Go on a hike to enjoy the weather before it gets unbearably cold.
8. Be a kid again and jump in the pile of leaves your parents just raked in the backyard. (Disclaimer: They may not be as indulgent now that you're in college...).
9. Or an alternative to jumping in the leaves is to create a scarecrow that you can put out in front of your house for your neighbors to admire.
10. After you freeze your butt off making your scarecrow, go to your local Starbucks and warm up with a Pumpkin Spice Latte.

Cancer? That's Hot

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I like it on the desk. I like it on the backseat. I like it on the middle of the floor. Guess what? I like it when breast cancer awareness campaigns focus on women instead of sexual innuendoes.

You've probably seen the status updates. Maybe you've posted one yourself. Some of you might even have participated in last year's campaign, which encouraged every woman to post her bra color as her Facebook status. A Facebook email in support of the viral campaign called last year's efforts "a tremendous success, and we had men wondering for days what was with the colors in our status, and it made it to the national news."

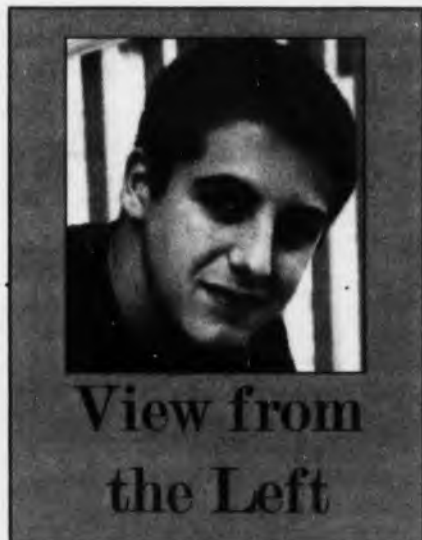
This makes perfect sense. I know when I'm raising awareness about breast cancer, my main goal is to confuse and titillate men. The email went on to detail the specifics of this month's campaign. "This year's game has to do with...where we put our handbag the moment we get home for example 'I like it on the couch,' 'I like it on the kitchen counter',....just put the answer as your status with nothing more than that...let's see how powerful we women really are!"

See, it's funny, because everyone will think we're talking about "doing it" (tee hee!) but we're actually talking about our purses. Which has, you know, everything to do with breast cancer. The most glaringly obvious problem with this "game" is that no one would actually phrase a sentence that way if she were actually referring to her purse. "I like it on the table?" If you're going to make a sexual innuendo, at least have the decency to use parallel structure.

A more important concern—how exactly is the success of these campaigns measured? Yes, they were featured on the national news, but so are waterskiing squirrels. Has anyone actually reacted to her friend's admission that she likes it "on the chair at the office" with a donation to the Breast Cancer Research foundation? Or even a mammogram? How many people have simply reposted the status, steeping in the pride that emanates from those who raise awareness? While overall effectiveness is a common criticism of campaigns designed simply to raise awareness, the "I Like It" campaign deserves criticism for being grounded in a sloppy matrix of sex jokes that ultimately revolve around handbags. One popular campaign page on Facebook entitled "I like it on the floor" includes an info section reading "Wether [sic] you support breast cancer awareness or you just like having fun, this page is dedicated to you." Well, as they say about

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The words of the working class: clean up Sodexo!



ALEX BREIDING
OP/ED COLUMNIST

Me: So what are we doing here today?
Worker: Today we're marching against Sodexo. We were supposed to start striking on Oct. 11, but for now we're trying to pressure Sodexo to give us the demands that we want so that we don't have to strike.

M: So what are the demands that you all want?

W: We want better wages, affordable health insurance, vacation time, sick days, you know, just something better for us to survive and live.

M: So why did you start organizing with your fellow workers?

W: We, well, we are treated very bad. You know, they disrespect us, they don't listen to our opinions... They ask for our opinions, but why are you going to ask for them if you're not going to listen? You know, our word doesn't count. They just tell us what to do and expect us to do it. They take away our time, take away our hours, our vacation hours but give us more work. So it's just very unfair.

M: So how do you think you can ever move up? Can you ever move up via promotion or anything like that?

W: No, no, no. That doesn't exist in here! If you start at that one spot, you

stay at that one spot. They only promote within and they usually within their own managers.

M: So how long have you been with Sodexo?

W: For a year.

M: So you've been with Sodexo for a year. What's the longest you've heard of people working at Sodexo? Do you people stay there for very long time?

W: Yeah, I have one coworker who has been there for fifteen years.

M: Wow, fifteen years! And she's been in the same entry position that you are at now?

W: Mmmhmm. Same position.

M: And she's making how much do you think an hour?

W: She's making a little less than fourteen dollars an hour. And she's had to hustle for those fourteen dollars an hour. You know, fifteen years, c'mon, she should be making more than that!

M: And how much do you make an hour?

W: I make about nine dollars an hour.

M: What kind of benefits do you get?

W: I have no benefits. They tell me that I don't qualify for benefits because I'm only part-time. But the other day we had a meeting where they said if you work more than thirty hours for twelve consecutive weeks, you're supposed to qualify for benefits. So where are my benefits? Because I've worked the twelve consecutive weeks of over thirty hours.

M: So how much is health care? Is there an option to pay for health care?

W: I don't have that option. They don't give it to anyone who is part-time, only the full-time workers have that option. My friend from here has the insurance and every time she goes to the doctor she has to pay the twenty dollars. She just had surgery done. She's paying three thousand dollars for her surgery. So what kind of option is that? What kind of insurance is that? It's like they take half of her check for her insurance and on top of that she has to have to come out with three thousand dollars out of her own pocket. Out of her kids' mouth because that's the money that they need to eat.

M: You're a mother, also, right?

W: I'm

a mom

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Shocking homophobia



Current Events

VALERIE PATRIARCA
OP/ED COLUMNIST

New York's Republican candidate for Governor Carl P. Paladino spoke on Sunday at a Rabbinical college in Brooklyn. To the crowd's pleasure, and the world's horror, Paladino condemned homosexuality. He claims that children should not be "brainwashed" into thinking that being gay is tolerable. Yes, blinded by his own ignorance, Paladino believes that being gay is not acceptable.

Now everyone has their own beliefs, don't get me wrong, and that is acceptable; but a Governor of New York has the responsibility to represent everyone from New York, not simply the Orthodox Jewish leaders in Williamsburg, or those present at his speech at Karlsburg Rabbinical College on Sunday. To condemn homosexuality so violently shows his inability to represent the State of New York, in addition to not being able to uphold the right of equality that

this nation is built upon.

Paladino made some hard stabs at homosexuality that cannot be overlooked. The hopeful Governor-to-be claimed in his speech, "That's not how God created us," and "I just think my children and your children would be much better off and much more successful getting married and raising a family, and I don't want them brainwashed into thinking that homosexuality is an equally valid and successful option - it isn't." Well, I don't think that Mr. Paladino knows many gay individuals then, because if he did he would certainly know that they are extremely successful, great family men and women, and some of the most respectable people you may ever, (if you are lucky enough) get the chance to know.

And if he is really that skeptical that being gay cannot lead to a successful life, then let me name a few individuals who are proud to be gay and have been much more successful than petty Paladino: Ellen DeGeneres, Emily Dickinson, Melissa Etheridge, Alan Ginsberg, Elton John, Billie Jean King, David Kopay, Amy Lowell, Georgia O'Keeffe, Siegfried and Roy, Pete Townsend, Walt Whitman, Andy Warhol, Tennessee Williams... Should I go on?

Paladino then reaches even further and calls out his opponent for marching in a gay pride parade, "I didn't march in the gay parade this year. My opponent did and that's not the example we should be showing our children." Paladino's opponent, Democrat Andrew M. Cuomo, eloquently fired back, "Mr. Paladino's statement displays a stunning homophobia and a glaring disregard for basic equality. These comments along with other views he has espoused

make it clear that he is way out of the mainstream and unfit to represent New York."

Paladino's speech was also severely insensitive in light of recent events that took place in New York City. Earlier this month, two teenage boys were tortured by nine men in an anti-gay attack. The nine men are members of the Latin King Goonies gang. When they heard a rumor that one of their teenage recruits was gay, they found, stripped, beat, and sexually abused him with a plunger handle until he confessed that he had sex with a man.

The gang members then found the man and invited them to a party at the house. "When he arrived, the said that they burned, beat, and tortured the boys for hours and sodomized him with a miniature baseball bat." They also tortured another teenage recruit which they suspected was gay. The ages of some of the identified suspects range from 16-23 years old. It seems, Mr. Paladino, that the children who grow up thinking that being homosexual is unacceptable are the ones committing violent acts of crime, not the homosexuals. I believe that teaching children to accept homosexuality at a young age is the better route. Perhaps then horrific acts like this would stop.

A week ago, on Sept. 22, a Rutgers University freshman took his own life by jumping off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River because his gay sexual encounter in his dorm room

was broadcasted online unbeknownst to him. Prior to this, a patron at the Stonewall Inn, a notorious gay bar in Manhattan, was beaten in an anti-gay attack. These attacks are just a few that have been occurring recently across the country, and yet Paladino had the impudence to make statements so out of touch and blind to even simple values of humanity.

Paladino is actually quoted saying, "Don't misquote me as wanting to hurt homosexual people in any way. That would be a dastardly lie." Mr. Paladino, its impossible to misquote you. Your words speak for themselves. After the speech Paladino declined interviews. His campaign manager, Michael R. Caputo, did try to clean up the mess, but with little avail: "Carl Paladino is simply expressing the views that he holds in his heart as a Catholic... Carl Paladino is not homophobic, and neither is the Catholic church." In order to cover his candidate's rear-end, Caputo practically blamed his beliefs on the fact that Paladino is a practicing Catholic. And because he is a Catholic, he has these strict views of homosexuality.

With the question of homophobia aside, because Paladino is certainly homophobic whether or not he will admit it, how can an individual, running for the right to represent every citizen in New York, be so blinded by his own ignorance? Furthermore, why does our society allow for such blatant attacks on equality?

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of four
and a
grandmother of four.

M: And you've been working for one year with Sodexo. What did you do before this?

W: Before this I worked in a warehouse. I was the receiving coordinator.

M: OK, so you were coordinating things, as adult who is able to take responsibility and able to work with people. And now you're stuck at an entry-level job with Sodexo.

W: Exactly! I regret it. I regret it.

M: If you could say one thing to the head of Sodexo International, what would you say?

W: Clean up Sodexo! Give our workers what we want and what we need, which is better wages, affordable health insurance, and general respect and dignity. We're not asking for much. We're not asking for the world. We're just asking for what we deserve.

M: That's great. OK. One last question: The colleges in the Lehigh Valley, rather the Sodexo workers there, are in similar positions. At Muhlenberg College, we have somewhere near one hundred and fifty Sodexo workers, and they are continuing to hire new workers because we have a brand new facility.

What would you say to those workers who are afraid to speak out?

W: Organize! The only way that we're going to get this done is by people organizing and people speaking out and letting Sodexo know that we're not going to take it anymore. We've had enough...

We've struggled to explain to the College why we need to support the Sodexo workers and recognize their structurally exploited positions as workers, parents, and community members while they continue to work under unfair conditions within an unmistakably unfair company. I am not shocked that our words either fell onto deaf ears, seized minds, or apathetic attitudes. Where we failed, I hope that the words of this worker can shed light onto the reality of this appalling corporation.

Please do not react to the words of a struggling worker with paternalistic sympathy; though there is a need to realize your privileges, sympathy limits our active engagement with the world-views of those that we subjugate. Take the time and effort to empathetically listen and connect to the words of those we often overlook and tune out.

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Define their record and make your alternatives clear



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This election cycle is not looking too promising for Democrats at all levels of government. There is a significant wave of anti-Obama, anti-incumbent sentiment being directed at the President and Democratic candidates all over the country. With a couple weeks until the 2010 midterm elections, Republicans are appearing to be quite strong. But truth be told, the Republicans should not assume they have already won.

Perhaps, the overwhelming sentiment among the average American voter is frustration with both parties. All the American people see is partisan bickering and inaction by their elected officials. It seems as though there is more fighting going on in our seats of government than actual action. This situation has the po-

tential to hurt all candidates. In the face of this obstacle how can Republicans, who appear to be the overall frontrunners, keep their leads secure?

Of course Republicans ought to capitalize on the anti-Democrat and anti-Obama fervor making its way throughout the country. But, there is a right way and a wrong way to handle this situation. First of all, Republican candidates should not be describing the President and other Democratic candidates as Socialists or un-American.

The policies being passed by the Democratic-led Congress, for example, are not trying to turn our country into a Socialist, European-style system. President Obama and the Democrats are not

throwing the principles that define our political system out the window; they are trying to tackle national, state, and local issues according to their beliefs.

Instead, Republican candidates should strive to define the record that Democrats have created for themselves (again, without personal attacks). The key is to solely tell the voters what the Democrats have done and explain to the voters that their policies have not produced the results they desire. This is already the case as we have seen with the large dissatisfaction with the President and Democrats in Congress. To put it simply, they did not deliver the promises that were made during the last two elections. A good example to use is the record of the Democrats running things down in D.C. Republicans ought to remind the people of the

stagnant unemployment rate, which was reported last Friday to be 9.6%, and the loss of 95,000 jobs nationally. Also, Congressional Republicans ought to mention the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's reporting the national deficit in 2010 as \$1.3 trillion. The message should label the Democrats' policies as ineffective. Particularly, the stimulus bill, officially known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, has not produced the job growth and economic rebound

that it was guaranteed to.

Not only has the economy not taken a turn for the better, but as said before, the national deficit has hit a record breaking level since 2009. Republi-

can platforms should revolve around a pledge to fight the deficit. Of course, both Republicans and Democrats run on the idea of reducing the debt, but the key for Republicans is highlighting the out of control spending taking place in a Democrat controlled Congress.

Since their ascension to power, they have passed the stimulus bill, government takeover of healthcare, and cash for clunkers. They have tried to implement a climate change and energy bill that would do nothing more than impose costs on the American people.

These policies all have price tags that total in the hundreds of billions of dollars, a point that Republicans need to communicate. Also, the American people have to be reminded that this ballooning deficit has the potential to be long

lasting and to affect their children and grandchildren.

Republican candidates' platforms can not only include defining the Democrats' ineffective policies, but more importantly a set of alternatives that they feel will have a better impact. The Democrats had their chance and did not deliver, now the Republicans want a chance. The most important first step towards recovery is making a pledge to halt high cost spending measures such as the stimulus bill. The major theme should be living within our means. Republicans ought to run on the idea of tax relief and opposing any new tax increases during these tough times. Also, they should focus on helping small businesses by providing them with tax relief.

This is the same story when it comes to the heated debate over healthcare. The Republicans need to reassure the voters that they do not oppose the idea of reforming our broken system and expanding access to health insurance for the American people. The Republicans merely oppose the way in which the Obama-Pelosi, big government healthcare bill attempts to fix the problem. Instead of an overly expensive, heavily bureaucratized system, Republicans want to expand the ability of individual patients to choose their plans and to improve the quality of healthcare.

The overall strategy for Republicans has to be focused on defining their opponent's already established record, and run on the idea of bringing more effective alternatives to the table. It shouldn't be about personal attacks or hyperpartisanship.

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today's Republican party, that's a big tent.

Sexualizing breast cancer is hardly a new strategy. The "save the ta-tas" campaign has thrived on it since 2004, releasing a—well, stimulating ad campaign that reminded men of cancer's devastating effects on bouncy, beautiful breasts. While not focusing directly on young chests, the "I Like It" campaign also sends the message that breast cancer is only a problem as it interferes with male pleasure. Presumably, male Facebook users who are not in on the game will be "wondering for days" why women have become so sexually open, only to find out that gosh, we were just talking about purses, and oh yeah, breast cancer.

Not only is this campaign nonsensical, it's heterosexist in its assumptions that participating women will love tricking their male Facebook friends into imagining them having sex. And furthermore, only in a puritanical culture like ours would the campaign gain this much traction—they weren't really talking about, well, you know. They were talking about purses, which makes it all okay, because God knows we'll find the cure for breast cancer before we can have an honest discussion about sex in public. Even the media coverage of the campaign frequently skirted around mentioning the word "sex," reducing the whole issue to winks, nods, and condescension.

Breast cancer is not sexy. Breast cancer is breast cancer. Try spreading that message. Let's see how powerful we women really are.



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Jeffrey Ball

"Squeezed and Confused: America at an Energy Crossroads"

BY KRISTIN LAPOS
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The woman clutching a stack of papers immediately caught Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar and Center for Ethics speaker Jeffrey Ball's eye as he walked into a BP-lead "public meeting" in the Gulf. Her husband was a shrimper, the woman told him, and these were all the bills the family could no longer pay because of the oil spill.

This image kicked off Ball's lecture on Oct. 5, which was called "Squeezed and Confused: America at an Energy Crossroads." Speaking to a standing-room-only crowd in Miller Forum, Ball used the story to highlight the human realities of energy and environmental policies. Ball has over a decade of experience working as the environmental editor for the Wall Street Journal and spent the summer in the Gulf following the BP oil spill for the paper. His economic treatment of energy and climate change issues provided an alternative view on the debates about environmental policies.

Ball first presented the now-familiar chart showing projected global increases in carbon emissions over the next 20 years. The line shoots up at an alarming angle, but the United States will have little to do with it. The United States, as a "mature economy", has largely reached the peak of its carbon emissions. China and India's skyrocketing fossil fuel use accounts for most the projected increases, meaning that even the most successful renewable energy initiatives in the United States may have little effect on global carbon emission reduction.

"We can tinker around the edges all we want, but the real story is what's going on the developing world," Ball said.

Even current US initiatives may prove trickier (and costlier) to implement than some people believe. One of the purposes of the lecture was to throw a few buckets of cold water on the current optimism surrounding "solutions" to environmental problems in the US and the world. Ball pointed out that, like the chemical dispersants used to stymie the BP oil well in the Gulf, most of the "ostensible solutions" to environmental problems may have "unintended consequences". Nuclear energy presents national security and health concerns. Wind and solar power create debates about land use.

Ball, playing the economist, pointed out that the various "go green" initiatives are wishful thinking for anyone wanting real change in energy policy. Money is the route to the hearts and minds of Americans. The politics of renewable energy are not "left" or "right," for example, but based on regional economics. A politician in Pennsylvania had better support the natural gas industry that provides so many jobs for his or her constituents; a politician in California interested in promoting

renewable energy initiatives will likely do so through the language of "Green Jobs."

In fact, the governments around the world that promote "green" technologies the most were motivated, not by "go green" campaigns, but by an economic reality: The 1973 Arab oil embargo. This "Oh My God" moment, as Ball called it, turned finding alternatives to fossil fuels from an environmental issue to "a matter of keeping the lights on." America's oil surpluses kept this "Oh My God" moment at bay, and Ball implied that it would probably take a crisis like that to cause a widespread adoption of alternative energy solutions in the United States. One questioner half-satirically asked if the real solution was to "turn off everyone's energy for a day."

"And you want to be re-elected?" Ball answered, smiling.

Ball also pointed out that Wall Street is very interested in funding "green" energy initiatives, but they have to prove viable and pay back on investment. So far, few "green" technologies have done that. Part of the problem is the sporadic nature of government grants. A banker has a hard time showing investors a financial chart for a "green" energy company that shoots up and down depending on the whims of Congress. Despite massive investment in solar and wind initiatives, they still make up single-digit percentages of US energy consumption. In order to "go green," Ball said, you have to please the guys wearing "Wingtips, not Birkenstocks."

Right now, "like it not, the cost of producing renewable energy is more than the cost of producing fossil fuel energy," Ball said, and until that changes, fossil fuel consumption in the US and the world at large will probably not decrease. Instead of focusing on renewable energy initiatives, Ball suggested that the immediate future of "greening" in the United States lies in energy efficiency initiatives. The average homeowner or business can potentially save more energy (and money) by buying a caulking gun to fill in all the gaps where heat or air conditioning is leaking out than by

buying solar panels.

Similarly, instead of buying a Hybrid, average drivers can make simple changes in their behavior behind the wheel of the car they already own that could potentially cut gas consumption by 30 percent or more. Training in these techniques, called "eco-driving" techniques, is already required of new drivers in Germany.

Despite these new prospects, Ball admitted being pessimistic about the future of renewable energy in the US. However, he was also excited about the optimism he saw in Muhlenberg students, especially the ones in the classes he visited during his three days in the area. His lecture provided a new lens through which concerned students can view proposed changes in energy and climate change policies.



Jeffrey Ball of the Wall Street Journal speaks at the Center for Ethics

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everyone. He was the type of person who was very approachable and always looked to new challenges. Matthew had a great passion for equality and always stood up for the acceptance of people's differences."

After Matthew's death a lot of things could have happened to the Shepard family. They could have closed themselves off to the world, they could have mourned over Matthew for their rest of their lives in silence, but instead they all took steps to try to change the world in honor of Matthew.

No one would expect that Mrs. Shepard's presentation would have had people laughing and smiling, but somehow throughout her devastating story she managed to make the audience laugh. Mrs. Shepard was very composed and very determined to have her son's story heard, and she encouraged her audience to tell stories of their own. Because if we all stay silent, there will never be an end to the hatred that led to events like Matthew's death and the recent suicides of young, gay teens.

"I thought we had come further than that," Mrs. Shepard said of the hatred that led to the 'September Suicides,' "but apparently we still have a lot to learn."

A high school social studies teacher, Mrs. Shepard is no stranger to educating students. She has spoken at over five hundred schools promoting the Matthew Shepard Foundation, an organization founded by the Shepard family that provides support and encourages diversity, and speaking out against anti-gay hate.

Shepard was adamant that being gay is not a choice. "Who would choose that life?", she asked, after discussing the way that gays and lesbians still lose their jobs, have trouble buying homes, and are denied many of their basic civil rights. "They're just the same as you and me," she said of the LGBTQIA community, "they bleed the same, breathe the same, dream the same. There's no difference."

Her call to action pleaded with the audience to respect one another, be conscious of avoiding stereotypes, and above all: vote. "It's your greatest right as an American,"

Shepard said, acknowledging that legislation is the most important way to rid our country of anti-gay hate. "Matt knew that judging, stereotyping, and categorizing was a loss of an opportunity," Mrs. Shepard said of her late son. It is her hope that in speaking to students around the country, more people can learn to think that way.



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Think Pink: Breast Cancer Awareness

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and our own Colleges Against Cancer organization on campus made it part of their agenda to spread the awareness. College Against Cancer took on this project because their mission is to help educate people about cancer and to raise money for cancer research. For this reason, they are associated with the American Cancer Society. They started their project by decorating Seegers Union with pink and white ribbon and even covering the recycling cans with pink cellophane. They also decorated the Campus Restaurant with pink balloons and put informational cards with breast cancer awareness facts at each table to help educate the student body. In addition, College Against Cancer tabled in Seegers on Wed. Oct. 6, Thurs. Oct. 7, and Fri. Oct. 8 to give out informational pamphlets, provided by the American Cancer Society, to spread awareness of breast cancer, and to sell bracelets that said "I heart boobies", sponsored by keep-a-breast.org. Colleges Against Cancer was so successful in their efforts that they sold out of the "I heart boobies" bracelets! In addition, on Oct. 8, College Against Cancer teamed up with the Men's Hockey Team during the hockey game to raise awareness for breast cancer. All of the hockey players wore a breast cancer ribbon on their helmet, and Colleges Against Cancer held a bake sale during the game to continue their efforts to raise money for breast cancer. President of Colleges Against Cancer, Lauren O'Donnell, on behalf of all the members of Colleges Against Cancer, would like to thank everyone who supported them this past week and contributed by raising over 600 dollars in their fight against breast cancer. Also, for those for you who missed out on buying the "I heart boobies" bracelets, Colleges Against Cancer wants you to know that there will be more coming at the end of October, so keep an eye out!

Further, breast cancer awareness is important for everyone, and it is crucial to start being aware of what might possibly be going on in your body from a young age. In the pamphlets that Colleges Against Cancer was distributing, the American Cancer Society goes through a three-part action plan. Part A of this plan is a mammogram, which is quick, easy, and safe breast x-ray. Mammograms are very important because they can detect cancer lumps that are very small. The American Cancer Society recommends that starting at the age of 40 women get a mammogram once a year as long as they stay in good health. Part B of the plan is a breast exam. The American Cancer Society says, "You'll need to see your doctor or nurse for a breast exam. All women in their 20s and 30s should have a breast exam as part of their regular health checkups at least every three years. After the age of 40, have a breast exam every year." There are certain procedural steps that should happen during a breast exam, such as taking a personal health history that includes asking about breast changes or problems, taking a family history, looking at your breasts while you are standing in front of a mirror with your hands pressing down on your hips, examine the entire breast area - up the neck, into the armpit, over the center of the chest, and to the bottom of the rib cage, using different amounts of pressure to examine the breast



Colleges Against Cancer members Jessica Marcus, Kelly Frazee, and Melissa Pieller promote Breast Cancer Awareness

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LANGNER

(light, medium, and deep)--and discussing your breast health plan. Part C of the plan is breast awareness, which includes doing breast self-exams once a month to check for lumps, thickness, or other changes. A self-exam should include checking each breast all over and the armpit by using your finger pads and moving them in a circular direction using different amounts of pressure (light, medium, and deep) to feel the entire breast. If you are unsure of how a self-exam should be done, do not hesitate to ask your doctor. The American Cancer Society promotes this plan, by saying, "We don't know how to prevent breast cancer, but we do know how to find it early, when the chance for successful treatment is greatest." Kelly Frazee comments, "It is so important for young women, especially, to make sure that they are getting breast exams and looking out for their health. It would be so unfortunate for anyone to have serious problems because they allowed cancer to take over their body. A great way for people to be active in the fight against is to join College Against Cancer on campus, we have weekly meetings Wednesday at 6:30."

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Statistical Ties

By GIL SCHPERO
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As many of you know the PA-15 congressional campaign race is fully underway with only 19 days left till Election Day. Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan is running for Congress against Republican incumbent Congressman Charlie Dent in a political battle that the Lehigh Valley hasn't seen in nearly two decades. This seat has gained much national attention, and each day we see more advertisements and more yard signs. Mayor Callahan has led Bethlehem along the path of progress.

Among his many accomplishments, Callahan transformed Bethlehem Steel, the largest brownfield site in the country, into a financial, cultural, retail, and entertainment destination that serves as economic engine for the Lehigh Valley. He also helped to put more police on the streets and significantly reduce violent crime. During Callahan's tenure, Bethlehem was named one of America's top places to live and launch a business by Fortune Small Business.

In my mind the choice is clear when it comes to the ballot on Nov. 2. We can choose to re-elect Congressman Charlie Dent, a representative that has shown two different faces, a man who has been known to fall into the wrong crowd in Washington, vote for large Wall Street bailouts, and misrepresent large numbers of working class constituents. Dent's other face is seen in the Lehigh Valley as a friendly politician who preaches and promises to work for the majority of the community, but his voting record shows differently.

Today the issues are clear: reducing government debt and job creation are at the top of both candidates agenda. However, only Mayor Callahan has proven that he is truly committed to this task, while the Congressman Dent has lost most of his integrity

and has been too concerned with voting on monetary breaks for the millionaires and billionaires as a means to an end. Mayor Callahan reduced the Bethlehem city debt by over 60 million dollars and balanced the budget four years in row without raising taxes. Mayor Callahan also helped create more than 5,000 jobs and generated more than 2 billion dollars in new private sector investments, with more than 1 billion dollars in new investments on the horizon. The residents of Bethlehem will tell you that they had never imagined a city such as Bethlehem to be revitalized in such a short amount of time.

Mayor Callahan is a graduate of Moravian College Cum Laude with a BS in Biology. He has spent his childhood and adult life in Bethlehem working, raising a family, and making the city a better place to live and work in. His choice to run for this integral PA-15 seat can be seen as his choice to give back to the Lehigh Valley, not just the city of Bethlehem.

As each day looms, Mayor Callahan has been seen as closing the gap on his opponent. Yesterday, a poll by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) placed Mayor Callahan and Congressman Dent in a statistical tie. The poll shows a tie between Dent and Callahan, 45%-43% respectively, with a 4.9% margin of error. This is the latest in a series of polls showing Dent under 50% as Mayor Callahan continues to gain momentum. For those of you who are interested in finding out more about this extraordinarily close race, there is a debate being held, here at the College this Thurs. at 7:00 pm. The audience will have chances to submit questions and hear the stances of both candidates. I urge everyone to get out the vote on Nov. 2. We are the future, and our vote matters.




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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 4 - Injured Student - In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 4 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The student later picked up the ID.

Oct. 4 - Vandalism to Vehicle - In the Village upper parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. Lug nuts were loosened on the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In Brown Hall, ground floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to a steam leak per a plumber. The system was silenced and reset without further incident.

Oct. 4 - Found Property - In the Faculty/Staff parking lot, there was a report of a found wallet. Attempts were made to notify the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 4 - Vandalism to Vehicle - At 318 Albright St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There was damage on the passenger side of the vehicle. Allentown Police Department was also notified. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 4 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID and keys. The owner later picked up the items at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 5 - Simple Assault - Off campus, there was a report of a possible assault. The student attended a party off campus and believes that something was placed in their drink. Allentown Police were notified. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 5 - Injured Student - In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student.

Oct. 5 - Found Property - In Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of a found wallet. The student was notified and immediately picked up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 5 - Found Property - In the

Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of a found ID card. The owner picked up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 5 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found laptop. The owner was notified and picked up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 5 - Harassment - In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of past harassment. Students were involved and letters of no contact were issued to the individuals.

Oct. 5 - Institutional Vandalism - In Taylor Hall, second floor, there was a report of vandalism to a crash bar on a door. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 439 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, no cause could be found that would set off the alarm. An electrician was notified to respond. There was no further incident.

Oct. 6 - Found Property - In Trexler Library, there was a report of numerous found items. The items were placed in the lost and found lockers. It is unknown to whom the items belong or when they were turned in.

Oct. 6 - Found Property - In Trexler Library, there was a report of a found purse. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner later picked up the item.

Oct. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2239 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 6 - Lost Property - Off campus, there was a report of a lost wristlet, cash, and key. Residential Services was notified of the lost key.

Oct. 6 - Motor Vehicle Accident - In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. There was damage to the front passenger side bumper while backing out of a parking space.

Oct. 7 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID. The student picked up the ID at the Campus Safety office.



Oct. 7 - Injured Employee - In the Health Center, there was a report of an injured employee due to a fall. The Health Center was notified. Another employee transported the individual to the hospital.

Oct. 7 - Larceny/Theft - In the Trexler Library parking lot, there was a report of theft of a bicycle from the bike rack in front of the Trexler Library. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 7 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID. Attempts were made to contact the owner. The ID was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 7 - Found Property - In

Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found credit card. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 7 - Lost Property - In Seeger's Union, there was a report of a lost cell phone. Please give it back. -Marcel

Oct. 7 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 7 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several empty and one partially full bottle of liquor were found in the room. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the bottles. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 8 - Domestic Violence - On N. 23rd St., Campus Safety officers assisted Allentown Police Department at an off campus address. No Muhlenberg students were involved.

Oct. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 319 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 8 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of two found student ID cards. Messages were left for the owners to pick up the items at the Campus

Safety office. The owners picked up both IDs.

Safety office. The owners picked up both IDs.

Oct. 9 - Injured Student - In Parents Plaza, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was not transported to the hospital.

Oct. 9 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. A student was cited by the Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking.

Oct. 9 - Lost Property - In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a lost laptop.

Oct. 9 - Found Property - Off campus, there was a report of a found purse. The owner was notified and picked up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 9 - Vandalism to Vehicle - In Robertson Hall, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There were scratches to the passenger side rear bumper. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 9 - Found Property - In the Brown mall, there was a report of a found motorcycle key. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Oct. 10 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 10 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several empty and partially full bottles were found in a room. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 10 - Injured Student - On campus, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

- Albert Einstein

Polaroid Stories: Greek Mythology Meets Modern Day Life

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

The mainstage performance *Polaroid Stories* directed by Zach Trebino '11 opened Wed. evening on Oct. 6 and ran through Sun. in the daytime on Oct. 10 with sold out shows. There was a lot of hype about this show and I was happy to



Rachel Berger and Andrew Clark portray Echo and Narcissus in a modern day setting.

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find an attendee to this performance to give me feedback on the play in its entirety.

Torie Paone: Please summarize *Polaroid Stories* for those who did not get to view the performance.

Mary McGee: *Polaroid Stories* is a play involving Greek mythology set in a modern urban environment. The author took lofty Greek myths that don't necessarily apply to modern day life and placed them in a more realistic and current setting.

Torie Paone: Mary, why did you attend this performance? Was it for a class, or were you interested in seeing one of the college's popular

performances were outstanding and I remained captivated despite the fact that I had only gotten four hours of sleep the night before. In my opinion, the audience left the theatre with an emotionally spent expression after enduring several heart-breaking experiences.

Torie Paone: What were some of the heart-breaking experiences represented in the show?

Mary McGee: One story that represented a type of anguish was the story of Greek lovers Echo and Narcissus. Rachel Berger '11, played a character who was unable to express her love and was confined to only repeating the words that were previously said by the man that she loved. Berger represented Echo. The man she loved represented the figure Narcissus and was played by Andrew Clark '12. This character was obsessed with himself and his own concerns. He never cared for others.

Torie Paone: What was your favorite story that was represented in *Polaroid Stories*?

Mary McGee: I thought all of the actors brought their stories and characters alive with some amazing performances, however, personally my favorite out of all the stories was that of Philomel played by Maggie Robertson '13. Philomel was raped by her sister's husband, King Tereus, and he cut out her tongue. Philomel could not speak, but she wove a tapestry in order to reveal the facts of what happened to her. Philomel, her sister, and King Tereus were turned into birds. Philomel was turned into a nightingale and constantly sang of lost love.

Torie Paone: How did you feel about Greek mythology prior to seeing this performance? After seeing *Polaroid Stories*, has your opinion been changed or strengthened regarding Greek myths?

Mary McGee: I like Greek mythology and I went to the show with knowledge regarding some of the stories presented in the show. I think it would be difficult to fully understand the interpretations of the story without some background knowledge on this topic. My feelings regarding Greek mythology have been strengthened as a result of this show because I am now interested in learning and reading more about Greek mythology.

Torie Paone: Do you have a strong interest in theatre or art?

Mary McGee: I am very interested in art, in fact, last year my work study was in the shop. I would often help paint the backgrounds for other mainstage performances such as *Bat Boy*.

Torie Paone: Are you looking forward to seeing more mainstage performances?

Mary McGee: Absolutely, this school contains so many talented actors and actresses. This fall season represents a wide variety of theatre, which I am looking forward to attending.

After hearing Mary's opinion and critique of *Polaroid Stories* I am saddened and disappointed that I couldn't attend what sounded like a once in a lifetime artistic performance.

Polaroid Stories received many honors from the American College Theatre Festival. Congratulations to Trebino and Andy Zepp who have received Certificates of Merit for their direction and sound design. Congratulations to St. Cyr and Stephen who are eligible for the Irene Ryan Award and are eligible to attend this festival and compete in this process. Berger is the alternate for the Irene Ryan Award. Berger and Clark's Act II scene between Echo and Narcissus has been nominated to be performed at the festival. The decision as will be determined in December. It seems as though the odds are in your favor!



An intimate scene from *Polaroid Stories*.

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A character held captive in an intense scene.

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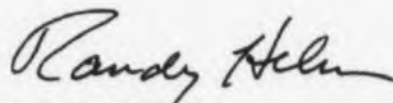
An Open Letter to the Campus Community

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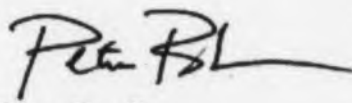
In recent weeks our society has seen a resurgence of a particularly ugly and hurtful phenomenon: the humiliation and personal destruction of innocent individuals by "friends" and acquaintances using electronic and social networking communication tools. The death of Tyler Clementi at Rutgers and Karen Owens' "powerpoint" at Duke University have received the most publicity, but this kind of cyber-bullying has become increasingly virulent throughout our country's secondary schools and college campuses. It is not an exaggeration to say that such behavior is directly related to the kind of violent physical assaults that took the life of Matthew Shepherd, whose mother Judy holds an honorary degree from our College and who has responded to personal tragedy by crusading against prejudice and hate.

While Muhlenberg has, so far, been spared such a high-profile tragedy, we must acknowledge that we are not immune to the mean-spirited and cowardly impulses that generate this type of behavior. Muhlenberg students have taken advantage of such websites as (the now defunct) Juicy Campus and its successors to say terrible things about other members of our community, and to do so with cowardly anonymity. We have also heard of incidents of harassing text messages and voice-mails. The likelihood that much of this hateful behavior occurs while the harassers are drunk is not of much comfort. At least one of us has been a victim of "texting while drunk" and can attest that the effect is no less disturbing or hurtful.

We hope it is obvious that this sort of behavior is completely antithetical to the values of our College. (Those values are described in full at <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/committees/stratplanning/scholars.html> and include the words "We reject as unacceptable behavior characterized by violence, malice, disrespect, indecency, or contempt for others."). We know that the vast majority of Muhlenberg students are appalled by the phenomenon of cyber-bullying. We ask all members of our community to make their rejection of such behavior explicit in talking with their peers. We also solicit ideas from the community on how we can prevent this sort of tragedy from occurring at Muhlenberg.



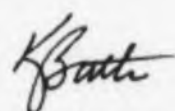
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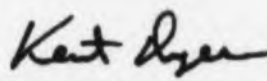
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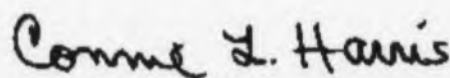
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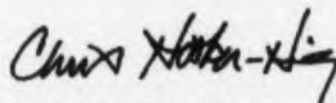
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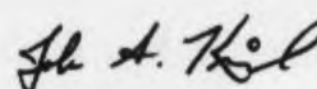
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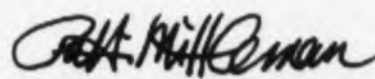
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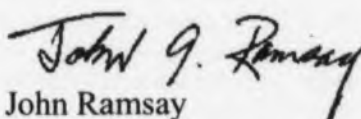
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The Seafood Lover's Paradise

BY ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

Before making my way to the Bonefish Grill, I asked a few friends and co-workers what they thought about the restaurant. Almost every response I got was sprinkled with "oohs" and reflected something along the lines of "you have to go there!" Needless to say, I had high expectations for this restaurant. I brought my friends Anna and Jessica with me to dinner, and I must make a point of mentioning that the Bonefish Grill is Anna's favorite restaurant, so I brought a lot of enthusiasm along with me!

The nearest Bonefish Grill to the College is the one located at the Lehigh Valley Mall, but despite the short commute, I highly suggest that you make a reservation, regardless of what night of the week you decide to go there (we went on a Monday night and had to wait) because the Mall is always full of hungry shoppers, and this restaurant is a popular dining destination. I'm from Massachusetts, and thus being from New England, I had no idea that the Bonefish Grill was a chain restaurant since this chain doesn't reach New England (I checked the locations on the website just to be sure!). For anyone from my area, this restaurant is similar to Legal Seafoods, which is a personal favorite of mine; however, the Bonefish Grill has more of a comfortable, tavern feel to it than Legal's swanky dining room atmosphere which is equipped with oversized fish tanks. Fellow Mules, you can feel free to dress up for a night on the town, or stroll in for dinner in jeans after a day of shopping.

As far as what to expect from the atmosphere, this restaurant is definitely impressive. The lighting is dim and soothing, but not too low that you'll fall asleep, so no worries there! The music being played was a mix of soft rock, including contemporary favorites like John Mayer. There is a clear fish motif—even the pagers that buzz when you wait for a table are fish-shaped! All of the servers are dressed in uniforms that resemble those of employees on a cruise ship, with button-down white jackets and straight, dark pants. For those of us old enough to order drinks the bar, I encourage it! The bar seemed very stylish and inviting from my seat in the waiting area.

Our waitress's name was Heather, and she was wonderful! She refilled our drinks without even waiting for us to ask and checked in on how we were doing with our food frequently. Although I had Anna to help me figure out what was best to order, I wanted to know what Heather might have had to offer, so I asked what she thought was best. Heather went through the menu with me, informing me what each section included and what the most popular dishes were. The menu is accessible online, but just for a clear report, the menu itself contains a soups and salads section, an appetizers section, food you can eat with your hands called "Hand Helds", and a section in the middle with different types of fish and four Signature Sauces to

put on top of your choice of fish. Since I'm a serious seafood fanatic, I asked Heather what she thought the best fish and sauce combination would be. She told me that the Chilean Sea Bass was one of the more popular dishes, and she recommended the Chimichurri sauce to go with it, which is a mixture of olive oil, red pepper flakes, parsley, and garlic. The other sauce options are mango salsa, pan asian, and lemon butter. Each sauce works well with a different seafood choices, so if you're unsure of what to order, definitely ask your server!

While waiting for our entrees, we ordered two appetizers: the Bacon Wrapped Atlantic Sea Scallops for Jessica and the Bang Bang Shrimp for Anna. (I ate part of both of them!) The scallops were great, don't get me wrong, but I fell in love with the Bang Bang Shrimp. If you don't like spicy food, I absolutely do not recommend this, but if you do, get ready to find your new favorite appetizer. The shrimp are crispy and are seasoned with a creamy, spicy sauce, and they're amazing. Our entrees arrived soon after: I received my Chilean Sea Bass, which came with my chosen side of Jasmine Rice and mixed vegetables; Jessica ordered an

entree off the Specials Menu which was Swordfish served over Pumpkin Ravioli and came with a small mixed greens side salad; Anna ordered a Salmon Burger, which was her version of the Fish Burger (you can choose whichever fish you want as the meat for your burger). We all adored what we ordered, and wholeheartedly recommend them! If I have any specific recommendations it would be the Bang Bang Shrimp appetizer is only five dollars on Wednesdays according to the website, so if you're at the Mall on a Wednesday, go to the Bonefish Grill. Also, if the Swordfish with Pumpkin Ravioli special is offered when you take a trip to the Bonefish Grill, I highly suggest that you order it! Heather told us that she's pushing the chefs to add it to the regular menu, and we're all hoping they do!

The dessert menu is somewhat limited, there are four to five items, each very different. If anyone has a tree nut allergy like myself, the desserts here aren't for you, but for everyone else, dig in! Three desserts that were recommended to us by our waitress were the key lime pie with a pecan crust, the macadamia nut brownie sundae, and the creme brulee.

True, the Bonefish Grill is part of a chain, but it does not fail to impress your most meticulous expectations, or your most sophisticated taste buds.

I will admit that dining at the Bonefish Grill can be somewhat pricey depending on the dish or the size meal you order, but the food you eat is worth its price. The portions are perfectly sized, and if you don't finish what's on your plate, the restaurant will be happy to box up what's left.

The Bonefish Grill is an excellent choice for an enjoyable seafood dinner with family, friends, or even on a date.

"The restaurant is definitely impressive... There is a clear fish motif - even the pagers that buzz when you wait are fish-shaped!"

Visit the Set of *The Office* and cure paralysis

BY KELSEY HUTCHISON
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

Paralysis is caused by a chronic spinal cord injury that disrupts the connection of the neurons in the central nervous system between the brain and the lower body. It causes the affected individual to lose corporeal control over the injured part of their body. Unlike other organs that can recover from such damage, the central nervous system containing the spinal cord is so delicate that it cannot divide or regenerate new cells.

Approximately 20 billion dollars is spent annually on people affected with paralysis and spinal cord injuries to provide them with medical care such as wheelchairs, medical supplies, or even a live-in assistant. But these are just temporary

solutions that, while helping to make life better for the people affected, they do not provide a cure to actually help paraplegics and quadriplegics regain substantial function. Less than one percent of this money goes to fund regeneration research that could cure paralysis and offer a final solution to a debilitating problem affecting millions.

Spinal Cord Injury Research Advancement is a foundation consisting of paraplegics, quadriplegics, family, and friends that have come together to fund a research team to bring spinal cord regeneration to humans as quickly as possible. This foundation is the only one of its kind prepared to begin human clinical trials with non-embryonic (i.e. non-controversial) stem cells. In order to obtain the funding to begin this research, Spinal Cord Injury Research Advancement is holding a contest that could lead to a breakthrough and change the lives of over one million Americans affected by paralysis along with millions others worldwide. For only one dollar you could help support the search for a cure to Spinal Cord Injury and enter to win a trip to Hollywood, CA to visit the set of NBC's *The Office*. Just go to www.SCICure.org and click on "Win a Trip to Hollywood."

"This foundation is the only one of its kind prepared to begin human clinical trials with non-embryonic stem cells."

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Weekend Listings



Jackass 3

Fri. 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 2:40, 5:00, 7:20

Red

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:30, 5:20, 8:00

Life As We Know It

Fri. 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 2:10, 5:10, 7:50

My Soul To Take

Fri. 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:40

Wall Street 2

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Social Network

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:00

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Question of the week:

What are you most looking forward to over fall break?



Mary McGee '13

"Sleeping"



Derek Givler '13

"Seeing old friends"



David Ganet '13

"Seeing old friends and
inquiring how their year is thus
far"



Erik Garcia '13

"The Game"



Katherine Murphy '13

"Apple Pie!"

Fall Break Friendly Reminders!

- 1) Throw out your trash.
- 2) Clean your fridge and throw out any perishable goods.
- 3) Lock your windows.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OCTOBER 14TH - NOVEMBER 4TH

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 16
Leopard Invitational
(Lafayette)

Oct. 30
C.C. Championships
(Johns Hopkins)

FIELD HOCKEY

Oct. 16, 1:00
Johns Hopkins

Oct. 19, 7:00
Bryn Mawr

Oct. 22, 7:00
Franklin & Marshall

Oct. 26, 7:00
@ Ursinus

Oct. 29, 3:30
@ Gettysburg

FOOTBALL

Oct. 16, 2:00
@ McDaniel

Oct. 23, 1:00
Franklin & Marshall

Oct. 30, 1:00
@ Dickinson

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oct. 16, 4:00
Johns Hopkins

Oct. 20, 7:00
Bryn Mawr

Oct. 23, 7:00
Franklin & Marshall

Oct. 26, 4:00
@ Ursinus

Oct. 30, 1:00
@ Gettysburg

MEN'S GOLF

Oct. 18
Muhlenberg Invitational
Oct. 19
Messiah Falcon Classic

JV FOOTBALL

Oct. 25, 7:00
Moravian

MEN'S SOCCER

Oct. 16, 3:00
@ McDaniel

Oct. 20, 7:30
@ New Jersey

Oct. 23, 4:00
Haverford

Oct. 27, 7:00
Swarthmore

Oct. 30, 3:00
@ Ursinus

VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 16, 12:00
Johns Hopkins

Oct. 16, 4:00
Montclair State

Oct. 20, 7:00
Bryn Mawr

Oct. 23, 11:00
Franklin & Marshall

Oct. 23, 3:00
Merchant Marines

Oct. 27, 7:00
@ Ursinus

Oct. 30, 1:00
@ Gettysburg



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MULINGS**LAST WEEK'S SCORES**

TUESDAY OCT. 5 - TUESDAY OCT. 12

Volleyball

Oct. 6
Desales, L0-3
Oct. 9
Washington (MD) L1-3
Scranton, L1-3

Football

Oct. 9
Juniata W 38-3

Women's Soccer

Oct. 6
Moravian W 5-3
Oct. 9
Washington (MD) W 4-0

Field Hockey

Oct. 9
McDaniel W 2-1

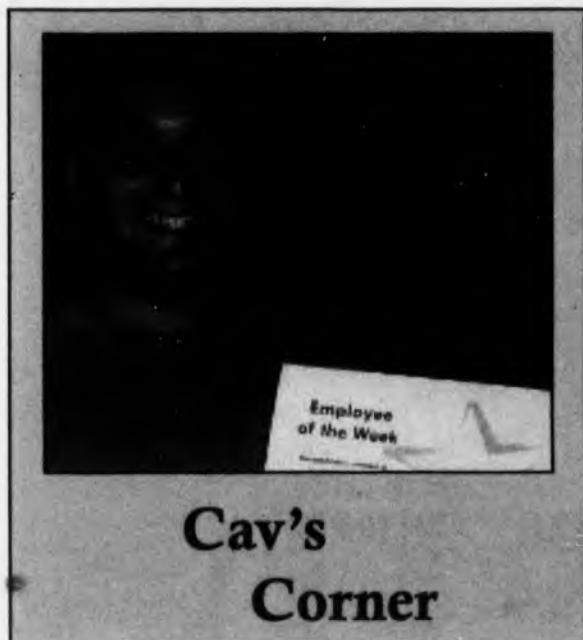
Men's Soccer

Oct. 6
Desales W 2-0
Oct. 9
Washington (MD) W 5-0

Cross Country

Oct. 9
DeSales Invitational
Men 2nd
Women 3rd

IM Football rolls on; Signs of greatness



BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Intramural Football has been moving right along this year and this season has been exactly what everyone thought it would be. A few teams have proved their dominance, while others have shown they are serious threats to be champions this year. This past week IM Sports experienced a couple of blowouts and also

some great games including one that may have been the best game in Intramural Flag Football history.

The game of the year was between ATO and Team WRE which consists of a lot of the wrestling team here at Muhlenberg. The game had all the aspects of a big time match up: both teams came into the week tied in the standings and were looking to gain an advantage. Team ATO and Team WRE wanted to jump up into the two seed as the playoffs grow closer and were trying to prove they were among the elite few in the league that have a legitimate chance of winning it all.

The captain of WRE is Senior Bill Sholly who also happens to be a member of the ATO fraternity. He wanted nothing more than get a win against his fraternity. ATO wanted was nothing more than to do more than show him he should have stuck with them this year.

The game had a ton of ups and downs as both teams battled back and forth for victory. Early on it seemed as if ATO could do absolutely nothing to slow down WRE's running game. ATO continued to battle and with their backs against the walls early, on Junior Dave Curtis broke a 79 yard touchdown run to help bring ATO back into it. The two teams exchanged scores throughout the halves. Some remarkable touchdown catches were made by ATO's Junior Glenn Terry and WRE's Junior Kenny Ludwig.

As the second half ticked away, both teams kicked their offenses into second gear, exchanging multiple scores late in the game. WRE tied the game up with

not much time left on the clock, and the game headed to overtime. Senior Mike Feinberg did a fantastic job coaching ATO (Feinberg has been sidelined by an injury and has taken on a coaching role). He won the coin toss, and elected to have WRE have the ball first.

The wrestlers scored in just a few plays and elected to go for one. They converted the extra point, and it was time for ATO to take the ball. ATO ran several plays in order to try get into the endzone, including a dropped pass on the one yard line as well as a quarterback sneak that was stopped on the one yard line. Finally they were able to punch it in and they were down one point. Coach Feinberg decided his team was going to go for the two point conversion and the win. WRE played stellar defense and ATO's pass fell incomplete. With this win, WRE have moved themselves into second place in their division and have set themselves up nicely with just a little time left in the season.

Otherwise in the league, both Team Ramrod and Project Badass are continuing their undefeated seasons. Team Ramrod had a convincing win against Over the Limit who were maybe a little over confident because of a 30 point victory margin last week. After they guaranteed victory during the pregame OTL then suffered a thirty-five point loss to the dominant Team Ramrod. Project Badass led by strong play from Junior Alex Ardolino continued to show just how good they can be when they have all of their different offensive weapons present at the same time. PKT also pulled out their first win of the season this past Sunday.

Managing Your Dining Dollars



The table below displays the amount of dining dollars you should have at several dates throughout the semester (depending on your meal plan) if you plan to extend them throughout the entire semester.

MEAL PLAN	Oct. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1
Platinum	205	125	42
Silver	239	146	49
Bronze	205	125	42
Cardinal	34	21	7

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Questions about your meal plan? Please email diningcomments@muhlenberg.edu or call 484-664-3046.

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Luginbuhl led off the second half with his second goal of the game in the sixty-second minute. A mishap by the Washington goalie left Luginbuhl with a wide open shot for his taking. Then in the seventy-fifth minute, Senior Forward Tom Reilly scored off of a corner kick. 'Berg was not done yet; a game would not be complete without a goal by Antonini. With ten minutes left in the game, he scored the fifth goal of the game.

The Mules have cemented their spot in the Top 25 in the country for Division III Men's Soccer, as well as the third ranking in the Centennial Conference behind Swarthmore and Haverford, respectively. This week they were also named the 58th best collegiate sports program in all of Division III Sports. Last, but not least, this week Sophomore Defender Kyle Plifka was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week. The Men's next home game is on Wed., Oct., 13 as they play host to a non-conference game against Drew University. Every win pushes the Mules closer to the regular season Centennial Conference Championship, a birth in the Centennial Conference playoffs, and hopefully a national championship.

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back and forth over retirement for years, the sexual harassment allegations should be the final straw. Combine that with a subpar season so far and Favre has lost his mojo.

If Favre is suspended, he should just go and retire. With the investigation probably going to linger for a few weeks and a suspension for 4-6 weeks in order, Favre would be wise to call his last retirement press conference and leave the game for good. He's already a nuisance for every NFL fan. Now his behavior is becoming one.

Favre's career on the field will be remembered as incredible. A Super Bowl win, 3 Most Valuable Player awards, the most durable quarterback in history. But off the field, he will be remembered for being plain old annoying and having a thing for girls much younger.

No one wants Favre's career to end like this. But for his sake, for our sake, and for the NFL's sake, it's time. If he's guilty, which is a strong possibility, Favre has the chance to do the right thing this time. Retire.



Left: Junior Defenseman Brittany DeAngelis helped secure the Mules' first field hockey victory with stellar backplay; Right: Sophomore Runningback Terrence Dandridge had 104 yards on nine carries last week-end.

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Excellent results for Mule Cross-Country Teams

BY GIL SCHPERO
SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Cross-Country Teams enjoyed an outstanding day at the DeSales Invitational, their second-to-last meet before the Centennial Conference Championships begin on Oct. 30.

The Men's squad placed second out of 24 schools, only losing to Division II Kutztown University. The Women's Team finished third out of 21 schools, only trailing the Division II programs Kutztown and Bloomsburg.

The second place finish was the best for the Mules since they won the Mule/Falcon Classic in 2008. This is their second-best ever finish at DeSales (they won it in 2006). The Lady Mules also won the Mule/Falcon Classic in 2008 but hadn't finished in the Top 3 in another race since 2007. The same year that they came in third at the DeSales Invitational.

Leading the Men's Team was Senior speedster Bobby Torphy who came in third place with a time of 26:46.07. Coming in a minute after Torphy was Junior William Lowery who placed 18th with a time of 27:48.47. The other 5 placing runners for the men were within a minute and a half of Bobby Torphy's time showing the powerful strength of the Men's Team.

For the Lady Mules, Freshman Nicole Cronin finished 12th with a time of 24:09.23. All three of these finishers were presented T-shirts at the awards ceremony for their Top 20 finishes.

We wish the Men and Women's team the best of luck as they travel to Lafayette University for the Leopard Invitational on Saturday, October 16th.



From Left: Freshman Nicole Cronin, Junior William Lowery, and Senior Bobby Torphy were all awarded trophies and T-shirts for their Top 20 finish.

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Gridiron Mules record fourth straight win; move up in rank

By D.E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming into Saturday's game, the Mules Football Team (4-1, 4-0) was riding very high after an upset win over the Johns Hopkins' Blue Jays during Homecoming weekend in Baltimore. To make worrying minds worse, the team coming to town was the Juniata Eagles, a winless foe fighting for its first victory.

After Berg's first possession, which ended with a failure to convert a fourth down pass, the Eagles responded with a rare first-quarter score as they marched down the field. At the conclusion of a ten-play drive, the Eagles converted a fiend goal and took the lead in a game for the first time all season.

The Mules did not take very long to respond. On the ensuing kickoff, Junior Returnman Chase Nadell took the kick the length of the field for a touchdown.

His second career return touchdown, Nadell sparked a rallying cry from the Mules that had not been seen earlier in the season.

Outscoring Juniata 38-0, after the Eagles initial score, the Mules wrapped up their fourth straight victory in style with a 38-3 win.

Another Mule to perform past expectations was Sophomore Runningback Terrence Dandridge. While he was not named Conference Offensive Player of the Week, he accomplished something often unseen. Dandridge was the ball carrier only nine times during the contest against Juniata, but he was able to accumulate 104 yards through those carries.

Now with four wins on the season, the team has surpassed its victory total from last year's season. But if what was seen at Scotty Wood's Stadium versus Juniata, and the outstanding play in Baltimore, is any indication of the rest of the games to come, the Mules can expect a few more victories in the next coming weeks.

For his outstanding play, as well as an interception that was called back due to a penalty, Nadell was named Centennial Conference Special Teams Player of the Week. He averages 38.1 yards per kick return, far above that of the Conference.

The Football Mules will travel to McDaniel this Saturday, Oct. 16, for a Conference match-up that is guaranteed to be a close-fought battle.

'Berg stays perfect with two more shut-outs

By JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

Last Wed., the Men's Soccer Team recorded their fifth shut-out of the season against DeSales University. It was another outstanding game for Sophomore Forward Danny Way and Junior Forward Cody Antonini who both scored to give Muhlenberg a two to zero victory. The first half bounced back and forth, with neither team able to score a goal. Berg's power offense allowed for eight scoring opportunities in the first half, but all of them were denied. An outstanding defensive effort from Sophomore Kyle Plifka, Senior Matt Ceconi, Freshman Ryan Barlotta and Senior Eric Williams helped preserve the game for the Mules, as they allowed DeSales to shoot the ball just six times the entire contest.

The second half progressed, and off an outstanding free kick by Williams in the sixty-third minute, Way scored his sixth goal of the season. The shots kept coming for Muhlenberg, but they fell short of hitting their target. Antonini had nine shots in the game alone, with one finally reaching the back of the net in the eighty-seventh minute of play. Antonini slipped past two defensive backs and nailed his shot, giving Berg a two to zero lead, and scoring his twelfth goal of the season. This is how the game ended, another victory for Muhlenberg. The applause from the crowd kept coming as they partook in their end of the game ritual by celebrating with the student section. Muhlenberg's energy kept them fired up all the way into Sat., Oct. 9 and their next game.

Muhlenberg was ready for action as they hosted a much less formidable opponent in the Washington College Sea men. Coming into this game Muhlenberg had two wins, zero losses, and three tie games in conference play, as their competitor had not won a conference game to date. Berg came out with full intensity as Junior Midfielder Josh Luginbuhl scored in the thirteenth minute off of a beautiful head ball from Antonini. Twenty five minutes later, Junior Midfielder Steve Giannacio scored his first goal of the season as Muhlenberg rode into half time with a two to nothing lead. The second half, much like the first, was dominated by the offensive play of Muhlenberg.

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Legacy in doubt: Favre's career uncertain

By JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS COLUMNIST

According to recent reports, Vikings Quarterback Brett Favre sent racy voicemail

messages and even racier pictures to Jenn Sterger, who at the time was employed by the Jets as a "Gameday Host," while he was with the Jets. An investigation is being currently conducted by the National Football League on the matter.

The messages, which were released by Deadspin.com, were graphic in nature. Additional messages, which were also released from Deadspin.com, connected Favre with two female massage therapists who worked for the Jets when Favre was on the team. These messages have not been confirmed completely as to be from Favre, so they have to be treated as allegations, as of now.

Assuming they are true, Favre and the NFL, have quite the issue on their hands. Favre, 41, married for 14 years and a recent grandfather, could be in violation of the league's Personal Conduct Policy. If found guilty, Favre will most likely be suspended.

The NFL, which has recently tried to crack down on poor behavior by its players, is in a bind. After all, Favre



Brett Favre's flirty texts and pics have landed him in hot water.

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is one of the faces of the league. ESPN hangs on his every word. Favre is a star in Wrangler commercials. For the NFL, he is the All-American.

But now, if these allegations are true, Favre will no longer be the All-American football player. He will no longer be the face of the NFL. He will no longer be a ratings magnet for ESPN. He will be the 40 year old man who sent pictures of his genitals to a 26 year old. Creepy stuff.

If true, the NFL has choice but to suspend him. The NFL takes pride in keeping a clean image, and allowing an exception for Favre sets the wrong example for players in the league, as well as for fans of the league. Sexual harassment is nothing to mess around with.

As for Favre, his incredible career will now be marred by sexual harassment. Many watch in awe as Favre looks like a kid on the field, running full speed down the field after a touchdown to celebrate with his teammates. Now, he's just as much of a kid off the field.

These latest allegations are just more reason that it's time for Favre to hang up the cleats. After going

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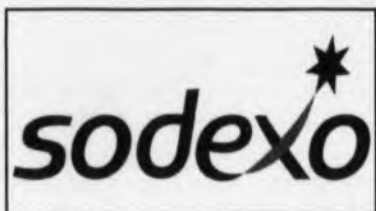
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The team celebrates after an award winning goal

Collins Tuohy on *The Blind Side* and adoption

By NATALIE BENJAMIN
News Writer

As students at Muhlenberg College, we are fortunate enough to have speakers of various backgrounds come and speak to us. On Oct. 15, Collins Tuohy, the daughter of Sean and Leigh Anne Tuohy, spoke in the Great Room at the College about her brother Michael Oher and her work with adoption and foster care. Dressed in a stylish outfit and speaking in front of the podium, Tuohy first provided some background about her family. Her father was a basketball player at the acclaimed Isidore Newman High School in New Orleans. After receiving a basketball scholarship from the University of Mississippi, Sean Tuohy eventually ended up becoming a broadcaster for the Memphis Grizzlies. Collins described her family's dedication and passion for sports throughout the entire presentation.

Michael Lewis, writer of various books, had gone to school with Sean. In 2006, Michael decided to make the Tuohy family the premise of his book "The Blind Side: The Evolution of the Game." With great enthusiasm and humor, Collins describes the process Lewis went through to obtain enough information on the Tuohy family. After spending almost three years with the family, attending holidays and observing their everyday events, Lewis wrote and published the book. When Collins was a sophomore at Ole Miss, director John Lee Hancock bought the movie rights and began to adapt the book into an actual film. Collins describes the change that occurred immediately after the movie was made. Seeing

herself played by actress Lilly Collins was surreal, as well as having Sandra Bullock play her mother. Collins told various stories about how Sandra Bullock was convinced to play the role only after running errands with Leigh Anne and learning that they are quite similar in personality. After hitting movie theaters in November of 2009, *The Blind Side* won numerous awards and grossed over \$309 billion.

The success of the movie would not have been achieved without the inspirational story of the Tuohy family. Collins explains how they met Michael



Collins Tuohy visits Muhlenberg

PHOTO BY JILL BEVACQUA

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Heated Congressional debate on campus

By D.E WAYNE
Sports Editor

The Oct. 14th debate was the fourth out of five debates that the had been agreed on for the 15th District of Pennsylvania.

The debate began on a topic that is familiar to voters and candidates alike, the bank bailout that was awarded to the largest of the falling banks and lenders in 2008. Congressman Dent began by defending his decision to vote on behalf of the \$850 billion bailout, saying he believed it was the right thing to do as the mortgage market crisis had begun and banks had started to fail. "We had to stabilize the financial services industry," Dent added. "It was falling."

His challenger, Mayor Callahan of Bethlehem, in response refuted that the bailout money was used improperly and that this fact went unrealized by those elected and making the decisions. He cites that the money was used for CEO bonuses of the large brokers and not for stabilizing the tilting economy. When he was asked what he would have done instead of the bailout, Callahan said "I don't think it was necessary."

This topic also created the night's first sign of aggressive attacks from the candidates against each other. Dent began by citing his approval for the bank bailout with the fact that it had bipartisan support throughout the country's governing parties. This support

included that of former President George W. Bush, all the way to the now Vice President Joe Biden, who Dent mentioned is raising money for Callahan's campaign.

The night's other subjects included many pertinent issues to the county's residents and the country as a whole during the up coming mid-term elections. From the economy's recovery from the worst financial downturn since the Great Depression to the ethics of the controversial 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy present in the

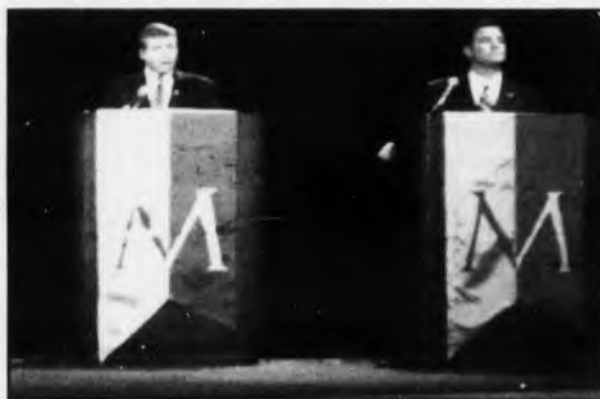
nation's military, the candidates were not hesitant to discuss their opinions on the issues at hand in the active hour-long debate in Baker Theatre.

Such a subject at hand was the need to increase domestic security in response to the impending threat of another terrorist attack on the country. Dent was the first to answer the question offered by a member of the audience. He pointed to the need for the nation to increase its "human intelligence" on the ground and to have better communication within the country's law enforcement agencies and local branches.

Callahan took his allotted time to say that there should be a greater concentration on strengthening responders and their actions, who are often area police officers and local law enforcement agencies.

The debate was full of interesting back and forth between the candidates and the energy behind each campaign was evident to all in attendance.

If you missed it, the debate will be rebroadcast on PBS39 on Fri. Oct 29 at 8:30 pm, Sat. at 5:30 pm, and Sun. at 7:00 pm.



Dent and Callahan debate at the college

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The dos and don'ts of Halloween

It's that time of year again, the time for scarecrows, pumpkins, skeletons, and candy. Halloween is this weekend and we're sure you have already started to make plans. Before you rush out to buy a costume or find places perfect for trick-or-treating, take a look at our list of dos and don'ts for some last minute ways to make the most out of one of the most fun holidays of the year!

DO

1. Go all out and come up with a really creative costume.
2. Wear the above-mentioned costume to Maingate tonight and try to win the \$100 prize for best costume!
3. Go to Dorney Park for Halloween Haunt! (and if you're really afraid of the people scaring you, yell right back)
4. Be frugal. You'll be surprised what kind of costume you can come up with by just using what is already in your closet.
5. Paint a pumpkin or carve it into something frightening!
6. If you think you can handle it, watch a scary movie. If you can't face it alone, grab a friend and watch it together.

DON'T

1. Trash the neighbor's property. Toilet paper may be bio-degradable, but it'll still be stuck forever in the trees.
2. Scare children (unless you're a volunteer at Halloween Haunt).
3. Eat too much candy or drink any questionable punch...you will puke.
4. Feel lame if you choose to stay in for the night. There's nothing wrong with eating candy corn and watching Bette Midler in "Hocus Pocus." It just might get you into the Halloween spirit even more.
5. Entice trick-or-treaters with a bags of candy and then take the chocolate away from them at the last minute.
6. Write this list off as too immature for college students. You know deep down this time of year inevitably brings out your inner child, so embrace it!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Weekly Editor,

Sodexo has served the College community for more than 60 years, and our 130 employees currently provide food services at five dining locations. A recent opinion column suggests we do not support our employees. That is not the case and our campus community deserves an accurate picture of Sodexo.

The pay for Sodexo employees at the College is very competitive with similar jobs in the area, and is based on an employee's job responsibilities and skill levels. Starting pay for Sodexo employees at the College begins at a minimum of \$7.50 per hour for entry-level positions. The average wage for our Muhlenberg College hourly employees, for any position, is \$11.49 per hour. That is higher than the wage at comparable restaurants in the area.

In addition, full-time Sodexo employees are offered medical, dental, vision, disability, group term life, family care spending, domestic partner benefits, accidental death and health care spending benefits. Our most popular medical benefits plan is available for about \$22 a week and offers comprehensive coverage with no annual limits on total claims.

We also offer company-paid training and development programs that help our employees excel in their current jobs and position them for advancement. Our 54 long-term employees, who've worked here five years or more, made Muhlenberg dining operations their career choice because they know Sodexo provides very competitive wages and benefits compared to similar employers in the area.

Just over a year ago, after an intensive review of several food service vendors by students, faculty, administrators and an outside consultant, the College administration renewed its contract with Sodexo, based on criteria that included worker morale and the company's commitment to the fair treatment of employees as major elements of the selection process. Sodexo was the committee's unanimous choice. Nothing has changed since then, except supporters now are repeating the false allegations used in the SEIU's campaign against Sodexo.

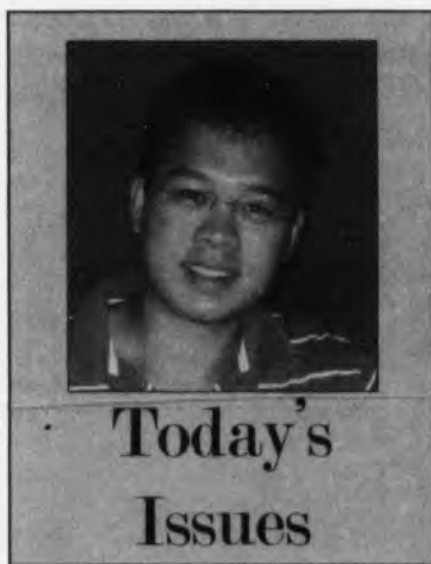
Sincerely,

John Pasquarello

General Manager, Muhlenberg College Dining Services

Re: "Words of the
Working Class"

Why I'm running



Today's
Issues

ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

I have heard that news of my campaign has reached Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's state capital. Many, including myself, have noted the uphill challenges ahead. I am challenging a well entrenched, 10-year incumbent. Our district here in the West End and Center City sections of Allentown is Democratic strongholds, at least for most state and local offices. My entry into this race was late to say the least and my campaign war chest is small.

With all of these obstacles in my path, you might be asking yourself, why on earth is this guy running for office? My answer to this question involves two ideas which are fundamental to the American political system.

Firstly, I believe every voter should have a choice when they walk into that voting booth. One of the most important pillars of our system of elections is the right to choose our elected representatives. We, as voters and citizens, use our right to choose as a way to influence the policies that govern us through the lawmakers we elect. We have the right to be active and have the ability to influence our government's makeup. This is how political parties emerged and why they continue to be central elements in our political system. The American electorate is such a politically diverse group so having candidates that represent different ideas

and policies allow us to express our opinions and use our voices to shape government. Unfortunately, non-competitive races have become the norm at all levels of government, including for State Representative here in the 132nd District. It is not surprising to see challengers being defeated by incumbents by 20-30 percent of the vote or even having races where incumbents go unchallenged. This is not how it was meant to be. Prior to my entry into the race for State Representative, nobody had a choice here in Allentown.

Second, I believe every candidate for public office, including incumbents, should be held accountable for their stances on the issues and their actions.

Aside from voting records and statements, campaigning for election or re-election provides one of the best opportunities for the voters to learn about their candidates and evaluate them. Knocking on doors, shaking hands, handing out literature, and talking to voters is exactly what an engaged representative ought to do. I must reiterate that all candidates and incumbents, no matter how "safe" they may be in the district or how popular they may be, should be out walking

and knocking. This was not happening here in our district. The incumbent here in the 132nd District was not campaigning because there was little need to—this is the wrong approach.

I am running to stand up to entrenched politicians and the terrible habit they have fallen into. My candidacy is not about scoring an electoral victory, but to send a message to Harrisburg and to our community.

This is by no means a partisan or policy-based campaign. I am not running on a party ticket, but as a write-in candidate. My strategy is not to criticize my opponent's voting record, to call her performance in to question, or to disagree

with her positions on policy. This is a campaign based on principle.

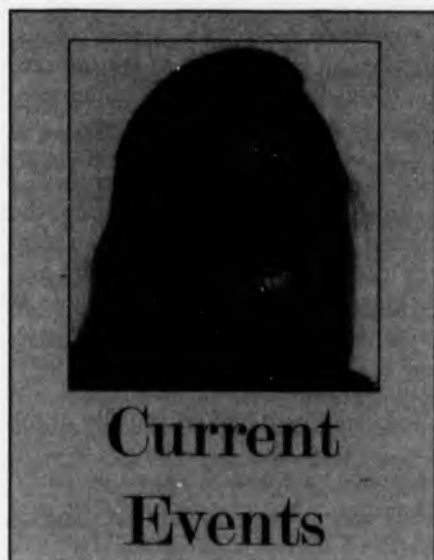
I'm reaching out to you as a student running as a student. As citizens and voters, we have a stake in every race, including this one. Your involvement does not have to revolve around where you stand on state issues like the budget or on taxes. This can be a great opportunity to show how young people and students can truly make a difference. You can play a tremendous part in this race.

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in my path, you might be
asking yourself, why is this
guy running for office?*

Instead of discussing current events in this article, I'd like to talk to you about my decision to run as a write-in candidate for State Representative here in Allentown's 132nd District. My candidacy for this office is not widely known on or outside of the College's campus. I decided to enter the race for State Representative about two weeks ago so I have not had much time to launch a conventional campaign.

Word has gotten around campus and

Shape-up 'Berg



Current Events

VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

The following are suggestions for improvement to our lovely College. They are not meant to be malicious, but merely a form of constructive criticism transcribed from a discussion with an anonymous group of students whose pure focus is the betterment of our school.

1. Tour Guides: The most important student job on campus is still an unpaid position.

Tour Guides are a crucial and integral part of the College community. They make an imprint on anxious college-seeking students, who are eagerly searching for that perfect fit for them. Our tour guides draw in applicants; they supply

information, portray a positive and inviting personality, guiding students to ultimately choose 'Berg as their number one choice. Without these willing and selfless students, our warm 'Berg community really would not be the same. Therefore, it is imperative that the College supports its leading cause of freshmen applicants, by giving them a little financial support.

2. Swipes need to be brought back in the GQ and instated in Sandella's

We understand that you are trying to steer students into the new Campus Restaurant by eliminating swipes in the GQ; however, even though more dining dollars were added to meal plans to try and accommodate for those GQ lovers, it simply is not working. The prices in GQ are extremely high, which worked out well when we could swipe and were ignorant of the prices. Now instead, we are heading into dining dollar bankruptcy halfway through the semester.

3. Heat and air conditioning on campus inconsistency

One day the heats on, the next day it's off, and then two days later the air conditioning is the only thing on again. Save us the trouble and just make up your mind!

4. Parking limitations

There are never enough spaces for students to park in their designated housing parking lots. Parking passes are given to everyone who is willing to pay, however, there are not enough spaces for those to park in the lots designated for their hous-

ing. The teacher's lots that are empty, or the commuter lots that rarely have any cars in them need to be utilized.

5. Bring back Shuttle Steve!

The new "bus" or "shuttle" system is out of sorts. It does not provide transportation to downtown Allentown, and who knows what the schedule is? I bet half the campus doesn't even know that we have a new shuttle service, or where it runs to. We need an organized and reliable shuttle system that is run by the College.

6. Dining options at local restaurants

Kutztown calls them "bear bucks," and the College doesn't have anything like 'em. The College needs to have a system in place, just like most other colleges, where students can use money or dining dollars on their ID cards to make purchases at local restaurants and other service providers. For example, students could use campus cash at Syb's Deli (which is practically on campus), drawing more people to the deli, while also creating a relationship between students and their Allentown neighbors.

7. "Semesterly" Yard-Sale

At the end of each semester the College should hold a "yard-sale" on the great lawn, allowing students, faculty, and campus services to sell unwanted items.

8. Rid of waste

Did you know that after every event on campus, all the left over food is thrown in the garbage, even if it wasn't

touched? Doesn't this sound a bit anti-eco-friendly? Panera donates unsold bread at the end of each day, why can't we donate our unwanted delectables to a shelter in need? If this is still against the rules, why not compost it?

9. Laundry prices are outrageous

Did you know that F&M students do their laundry for free on campus? They can even go online and see which washers and dryers are available or in use. The College racks prices up on everything from tuition to bottled water each year; can't you please spare us this necessity? Don't we pay enough to come here?

10. Light lounge outlets

We love this addition to our campus, right outside the Muhlenberg Express; however, there really needs to be outlets available in this area. Many students enjoy sipping their coffee and spending some quality time with their homework in this lounge area, but there is nowhere to plug in.

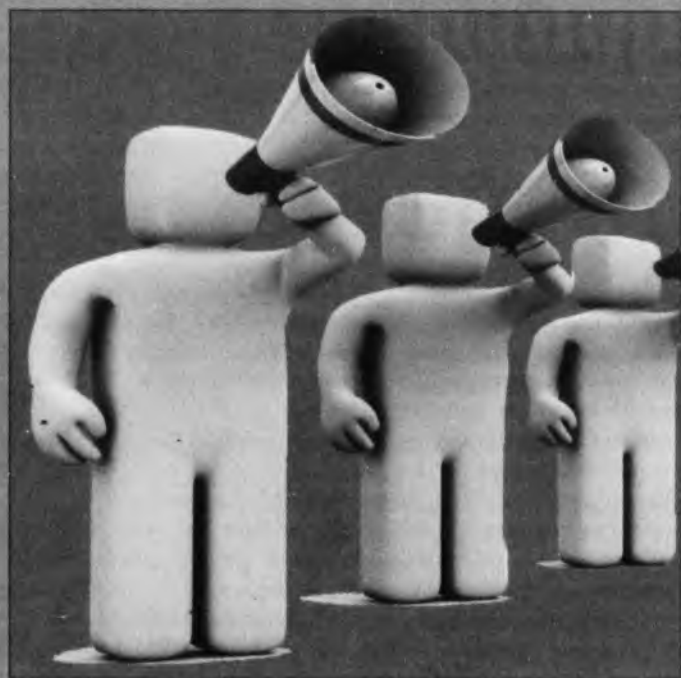
11. Library coffee stand

It is there during finals week, why not have it all year round? A barista in the library is a key location not only for students, but also for 'Berg to pull in some serious dough. Nothing very fancy, just some scones and cups of joe.

12. Intramural sports

We all love to get involved with intramurals, but they are so poorly organized, that it makes it difficult to participate. For example, Intramural soccer should not have to play in-

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Breast cancer: inevitably sexualized

BY KELLY FRAZEE
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I like it on the dresser, I like it on my desk chair, I like it up against the wall. Well, guess what? I also like it when the purpose of breast cancer awareness campaigns are not misconstrued and degraded. The article in the Oct. 15 issue of *The Weekly* entitled "Cancer? That's hot" accused the "I like it" breast cancer awareness campaign that swept Facebook a few weeks ago of being heterosexist. It claimed that its aim was to confuse and titillate men and that its success cannot be measured by the fact that it was on the national news.

The sentence in the Facebook message that was sent out to women during this campaign that said, "Last year we had men wondering for days what the colors meant," is heterosexist. This I agree with; however, to say the campaign as a whole is promoting heterosexism is a huge stretch. It completely neglects to take into account the larger past and present-day social and cultural constructions of breast cancer and the impact of the disease on femininity.

Breast cancer is a sexualized disease. Period. Crucial to understanding how breast cancer has impacted society and spawned cultural phenomena is the expectation of women to maintain their femininity. "'The breast...is the emotional symbol of the women's pride in her sexuality and motherliness,' wrote Richard Renneker and Max Cutler, Chicago psychoanalyst and surgeon, respectively. According to Renneker and Cutler, 'To threaten the breast is to shake the very core of her feminine orientation.' The female breast has always been seen as a sexual object before its other purposes

were ever even thought about. It is safe to say that from the beginning of time, the breast has been the most overworked organ of the body. Men and women are aroused by it, artists depict it, writers tell about it, babies are nourished by it, fashion and commerce fetishize it, and disease afflicts it. All of these responses to the breast are conditioned and wholly determined by the culture in which they operate. Now society has placed even more value on breasts because of the erotic appeal, and while most women try to enhance their own breasts, women with breast cancer are battling to preserve theirs.

Mastectomies, a common form of breast cancer treatment, annihilate breasts and constitute threats to female beauty, sexuality, and femininity. Implicit in the past and ever-presently now, women stare into cultural mirrors every day - and see how they "should" look. In this way, once breast cancer is discovered, it becomes just another flaw that women are responsible for repairing alone.

So, do women with breast cancer choose social survival or bodily survival?

In the mid-20th century, when social constructions of femininity were still changing and falling into place, this answer was not so clear-cut. Women with breast cancer faced the dilemma of weighing what was more important: their life, or fitting into the unattainable mold that society had created for them. One would think that such a decision would be easy: choose to live disease-free. Nevertheless, things get complicated when that choice means acquiring a stigma in such a perfect-appearance-obsessed society.

We still live in a socially-conscious, appearance-obsessed society; however, now women usually do not hesitate to choose health over social and cultural status. Of course, this does not mean that the blow to their perception of their femininity is not just as heavy as it was back in 1960. Breast cancer campaigns are sexualized because in American culture, the breast is a sexual object and its presence is essential to femininity. Therefore, breast cancer is inescapably a sexualized disease.

Today, there are breast cancer awareness campaigns that are taking a less formal approach to educating women about breast cancer. These campaigns are highly successful and have become widely known cultural phenomena in present-day society, such as: "Feel Your Boobies" and "Saving Second Base." "Feel Your Boobies" is a breast cancer non-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness about the importance of breast cancer detection through the catchy slogan that reminds young women to "feel their boobies." Likewise, "Saving Second Base" utilizes the same unconventional methods to grab young people's attention to make sure that they are well educated on breast cancer prevention. Through unique and humorous phrases, these campaigns make the subject of breast cancer more approachable and somewhat less frightening, resulting in individuals feeling like they actually can make a difference in preventing this disease.

Obviously, the success of both of these campaigns is rooted in and wholly depends on the cultural construction of the breast as a sexual object. Because the way the success of these campaigns

is measured seems to be a point of disagreement, take a look at the websites of these organizations, go to the testimonials pages, and see for yourself just what these campaigns are doing in saving women's lives. The breast cancer campaigns of today are working, and the simple fact that today's society can be so open about breast cancer prevention and awareness shows the importance of the work of the organizations like these.

So, no, maybe the "I like it" campaign did not make people reach for their credit card and go running to the computer to make a donation. But this was not a fundraiser. It was an awareness campaign, which was successful because of the number of people that it reached. Sure, not all of the people aware of the campaign will go further with raising awareness and getting involved in fundraising, but some will. Moreover, when I received the "I like it" message on Facebook and proceeded to change my status, I also remembered that I had not yet done a breast self exam this month and made a mental note to do so.

As a side note, in addition to annual visits, women our age should perform a breast self-exam every month since we are not getting annual mammograms. Breast self-exams help women figure out what feels normal, so they can go to the doctor immediately upon finding an abnormality. Now think of how many other women may have thought about the same thing I did. Maybe one of these women even found a lump in her breast that, when checked by her doctor, turned out to be cancerous, and she needed to have the lump removed. She just saved her own life - all because of the "I like it" campaign.

The state of the media

ALEXANDER BROTMAN
OP/ED WRITER

Our media has become almost as corrupt as the stories that they cover. Americans have a choice as to where to turn for their news and have the right to fully unbiased news that presents all sides through their respective, individual viewpoints. Where does that exist? Almost nowhere. The big debate is whether the media has gotten too biased, and I think it has. Fox News is a borderline criminal organization and CNN is turning too far to the left, with the new show Parker/Spitzer leaving them in the gutter with their ratings. NPR seems like the only safe bet, but wait a minute, they just fired someone over anti-Muslim remarks. So, fellow Mules, where do we turn for our news? Your best bet, in my opinion, are the foreign sites and stations like BBC and Al Jazeera. Some of this, sadly, is only available online, but most of it can be accessed on YouTube and other very reputable sites. So much of the news nowadays is about Lindsay Lohan and all of those stories that are claimed to be "breaking," but are really just a bunch of nonsense that have no influence whatsoever in the debate over Iraq, Afghanistan, or other events.

News is supposed to be as unbiased as possible, particularly the evening news. When you come home from work you want to get a direct, unbiased take on what

has gone on that day. Chances are it will be depressing and you'll feel upset at the world, but you'll know that what you just witnessed on your television screen was real, raw, and honest. I am sad to say that nothing like that exists anymore.

If you have to watch something on TV, I would recommend The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Judy Woodruff, and others. I find it quite informative, and most of the reports are filed by independent news agencies all around the world. They have their own anchors and correspondents, but they take the time to dig into the issues on a more personal level and are willing to ask the hard questions.

No one does that anymore besides The News Hour, and you sure aren't going to find it on Fox, which as I said before is borderline criminal with some of the actions that they have been taking over the tea party. News is a tricky business, and it is your job to stay informed, but also to demand the answers. It's a fundamental right, now go and fight for it, because no one in the media is going to do it for you. We used to have Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite to fight for us, but those times don't exist anymore and people are outraged, and rightly so. I'm not telling you what to watch, but try a little BBC, maybe some Al Jazeera, France 24, and other agencies, but get a broad perspective. American TV only offers so little nowadays.

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side during the fall, and Women's intramural sports should not be run solely by men. Overall, intramural sports in general need a face-lift.

13. Please name the Campus Restaurant

The College is well known for its theatrical programs and creative expression, yet we are struggling to come up with a name for this new establishment? Give it a name, you're killing us! Let's draw up a few names, and have a campus-wide vote!

14. Library hours

As you can tell by the loud chatter and packed seating areas, the library is a popular place especially on weekends and during mid terms. Though asking for the library

to be open 24-hours is a bit much, it would be extremely gracious if you could extend library hours on the weekends and during mid-term, and final exams.

15. Library Courtesy

It needs to be enforced, in some way, that Level A is the chatty, let's catch up with my friends and procrastinate level. Levels B and C are for people who actually came to the library to get work done.

This consensus comes from a group of concerned Muhlenberg students, not the entire Muhlenberg community.

If you have any suggestions that you feel are necessary, or that would improve life here at Berg, please shoot me an email.

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Oher, a kid from inner city Memphis and eventually adopted him. One morning when the Tuohy family was driving, Leigh Anne spotted a boy walking alone on the cold streets of Memphis. Whether it was motherly instinct or just Leigh Anne kind character, the Tuohy family immediately turned around and picked up the boy. Michael Oher was a sixteen year old child who spent his years bouncing between foster cares and being homeless. Fast forward a year or two, the Tuohy family welcomed Michael into their home and have adopted him as their very own.

Collins explained the significance Michael has to her family and her. As a talented football player, Michael became a brother and good friend to Collins, especially during college, which they attended together. Michael's love and appreciation is greatly understood through his actions and success. Collins believes that her family gave Michael what no one else did, "love and trust." As a family, the Tuohy's provided the tools and guidance for Michael to become an offensive tackle for the Baltimore Ravens. Collins made it clear that Michael has impacted her life as well as her family's.

Throughout her discussion, Collins shared her accomplishments as a speaker, a mentor for young girls and a member of the Make it Happen Foundation. Her main message is to "make it Christmas every day": give back as much as you can and help others because as

insignificant as you may think it is, every little thing can make someone's day just a little better. She challenged us to get to know our fellow classmates and focus on the little things that can create big impacts. Another important topic she discussed is the problem with adoption and foster care in America. She stressed the growing issue of children fifteen and over who are not being adopted and therefore losing out on various opportunities. She currently works with young girls and encourages them to get an education and work hard.

At the very end of the discussion, Collins opened up the floor for questions. Many students asked questions about the movie, how race plays a part of it and about her work with adoption and foster care. A question that arose several times was the idea that the movie was successful because it depicted a white family adopting a black child. Some students asked if the movie would have been as successful had it been a white child instead. Collins responded by saying that race does not matter and when it comes to helping people, you should not discriminate against a person's race, sexuality or color.

Collins was posed with many thought provoking questions, but answered each with an honest, genuine response. Collins discussion was informative and interesting, bringing a new meaning to the movie. She left the College with the challenge of helping others and making a small difference every day.



Tuohy talks to students about her experience growing up with adopted brother Michael Oher

PHOTO BY JILL BEVACQUA

Center for Ethics hosts guest speaker about ethics of the Manhattan Project

Dr. David C. Cassidy geared his Center for Ethics speech last Thurs., Oct. 21 toward the ethical considerations of the scientists involved in the Manhattan Project. Cassidy won the Pfizer Award of the History of Science Society and the Science Writing Award of the American Institute of Physics. He has written three books: *J. Robert Oppenheimer and the American Century*, *Beyond Uncertainty: Heisenberg, Quantum Physics and the Bomb*, and *Einstein and Our World*. In his 7 pm. Speech in Moyer Hall, Cassidy used a creative tactic of delivering his speech by asking his audience to imagine themselves in the controversial position of one of these scientists.

Cassidy used pictures and stories of specific scientists to display the range of beliefs that people had about the bomb in 1943. The goal was to create a "practical military weapon in the form of a bomb" that was, ultimately, a response to the threat of Nazi Germany creating such a weapon first. It was fear of the Nazis, Cassidy said, that overcame many scientists' moral and ethical concerns about the project.

In the following Question and Answer session, Cassidy discussed the ethics and values that are inherent in science as a whole. Despite the "pure science movement," in which science is perceived as elite and removed from society, Cassidy expressed his belief that it is impossible for science to be value neutral. The tie between science and warfare goes very far back, making neutral, isolated science a thing of fiction.



Dr. David Cassidy talks about Manhattan Project

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA



CENTER FOR ETHICS
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"Muhlenbugs"

BY JANA ELFENBEIN
NEWS WRITER

"Sleep tight, and don't let the bed bugs bite," has taken on a whole new meaning with the recent resurgence of bed bug infestation across the United States. Large metropolitan areas such as New York, Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore, and San Francisco have reported the most cases. Due to the large number of inhabitants living in close proximity to one another, as well as the fast paced lifestyle and movement, scientists believe these cities are ideal environments for bed bugs to thrive. Not only are people finding bed bugs in their private homes, but also large numbers of cases have been reported in prestigious hospitals, distinguished hotels, apartment complexes, and, predominantly, in college residence halls.

Due to the increasing rise in reported cases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have released a joint statement concerning bed bug control. This statement highlights the integrated approach of national, state, tribal and community health professionals along with private industries such as pest management professionals, residential establishments and citizens to stop the current infestation and prevent any future incidents.

Dr. Marten Edwards, Associate Professor in the Biology Department at Muhlenberg College informs, "Bed bugs have lived with humans since the time we lived in caves." While some species of bed bugs continue to live in caves and feed on bats, other species, such as *Cimex letularius*, feed off of human blood. Dr. Edwards continues, "Bed bugs suck on human blood through a tiny straw, so small it would require a good microscope to see it. While bed bugs feed on us they inject saliva containing a cocktail of painkillers and other chemicals that prevent our blood from clotting while they feed. Their spit makes the 'bite' completely painless, but can cause allergic reactions in some people."

If bed bugs have been around since the beginning of time, why are they reappearing now? The CDC believes the resurgence is caused by past over-reliance on pesticides, lack of responsiveness, and increased

worldwide travel. Researchers believe a major factor is that bed bugs have evolved overtime and now resist many of the chemical pesticides that are currently on the market.

Dr. Marten adds, "In the United States, we took a little rest from bed bugs for the past 40 or 50 years. The only reason we didn't see many bed bugs during this time was the widespread use of environmentally unacceptable insecticides such as DDT. To our credit, recent awareness about the dangers of mindless insecticide use has reduced our desire to fill our homes with them. As a result, bed bugs are on the rise."

The effects of bed bug bites vary from person to person. Some people may develop an itchy rash within a few days after they have been bitten while other people may not react to the bites at all. Additionally, infestation within the home can lead to mental health issues such as insomnia, systemic reactions, and anxiety. While feelings of anxiety in relation to these unwelcome 'roommates' is completely normal and reasonable, it is important to note that these parasitic pests can be removed from your room very easily.

Joint efforts by private researchers and EPA are taking place to identify new compounds and create new pesticides to control bed bugs. However, without any intervention, cases of bed bug infestation will continue to rise.

Don't panic though! Bed bugs have not been reported on Muhlenberg College's campus. According to Aaron Bova, Senior Associate Director of Residential Services, Muhlenberg College has created a task force comprised of several college departments that include Plant Operations, Health Center, Dean of Students, and Residential Services. Furthermore, the College has developed a campus response plan and is already in contact with a licensed pest management company in case an outbreak occurs. Dr. Edwards underscores, "Bed bugs can be treated safely and effectively by trained professionals with access to effective insecticides and other targeted people-friendly approaches that are not available at the supermarket."

How do you distinguish Bed bug bites from other insect bites or rashes? Brynnmarie Dorsey, Director

of Health Services at Muhlenberg College, comments, "Bed bugs often inflict a series of bites in a row, and typically target exposed areas of skin, such as the face, neck, arms, and hands. The bite itself is generally painless and may not be noticed until the person awakens or even a day or two later. Bed bug bites typically take 3-6 weeks to heal."

Nonetheless, if you believe you do have bed bug bites, it is extremely important to report it to the college so that the necessary procedures can be conducted. Mr. Bova states, "If a case is confirmed, the student will be asked to place all of his/her bedding, clothes, and all other material items (i.e. curtains) in Dissolvable Laundry Bags, which are supplied by the college to the student. The student is then instructed how to properly launder his/her belongings. The College Exterminator and/or Plant Operations will respond to the student's room for an inspection within 24 hours of the student's call. If Bed bugs are confirmed the student will receive further direction and details from Residential Services regarding treatment of his/her room."

Mr. Bova stresses, "There is not a lot that can be done to prevent bed bugs. They are not like cockroaches, ants, silver fish and mice that tend to thrive in dirty places, but fit in quite well in a perfectly well scrubbed and hygienically friendly environment."

In a preventative effort, it is important to regularly wash all bedding in hot water, vacuum floors, use the brush tool of your vacuum to vacuum your mattress, and try to avoid purchasing heavily soiled or tattered used furniture. Above all, do not spray insecticide yourself. Mr. Bova emphasizes, "The EFFECTIVE insecticides are only for sale to be used by professional pest-management companies. If you try to control these bugs with over-the-counter products, the bed bugs likely will become dispersed, resulting in a more difficult treatment required at a later date."

Remember, bed bugs are more of a nuisance than a health risk. For more information on Muhlenberg College's initiative regarding bed bugs please visit this website:

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Annual hunger and homelessness events kick off

By MEGHAN BUTLER
NEWS WRITER

A local hero is coming to Muhlenberg on Tuesday, November 2 and it is an event that you do not want to miss! Russell "Rooster" Valentini is the Homeless Education Liaison for the Allentown School District and has been working with homeless children in the area for over 20 years. He has made it his personal mission to ensure that children experiencing homelessness can still attend school and get an education equal to their peers with permanent housing. He is a talented speaker and will be sharing his experiences with the Muhlenberg community, including the poetry he writes about the children he meets. Rooster was the recipient of the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHYC). In his nomination letter for this award he was described as having "an uncanny knack of being able to counter resistance and prejudice with the right blend of referring to the law, using common sense, evoking compassion, and insisting on doing the right thing for students." Rooster will be at Muhlenberg on Tuesday, November 2 in the Seegers Union Event Space at 7:00 pm. The event is sponsored by Students Have A Real Effect (SHARE) and there is a suggested donation of a toiletry product which will be given to Rooster for the children he works with. This past Sunday the 24, you may have seen a cart being wheeled around freshman and sophomore dorms with people selling bagels and hot beverages...the money made from this fundraiser will be used to buy toiletry items for Rooster to give to the children he works with. See you on the 2!

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 11 - Sick Student - In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Health Services were notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 11 - Found Property - In the East Hall quad, there was a report of a found cell phone. A message was left for the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 12 - Suspicious Activity - In Brown Hall, ground floor, there was a report of vandalism to a mirror. Profanity was written on the mirror. Suspects were identified and there was no further incident.

Oct. 12 - Found Property - In Trexler Library, there was a report of found property including a water bottle, jacket, flash drives, and a travel mug. It is unknown when the items were found or to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 12 - Sick Student - In the Health Center, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 13 - Injured Student - At 318 Albright St., there was a report of an injured student involving alcohol. The Health Center was notified and Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 13 - Found Property - In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of several found items. It is unknown when the items were turned in or to whom the items belong.

Oct. 13 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of several found student IDs. The items were brought to the Campus Safety office. Messages were left with the individuals to pick up the items at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 14 - Found Property - In the front drive, there was a report of a found cell phone. The item was returned to the owner.

Oct. 14 - Lost Property - In the Life Sports Center, there was a

report of a lost key. Residential Services were notified.

Oct. 14 - Check the Welfare/Locate - In Walz Hall, there was a report of a sick student. Health Services were notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 14 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, three ID cards were found and turned in to Campus Safety. One ID card was returned to the student owner.

Oct. 15 - Vandalism to Vehicle - On campus, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There was damage to the lock.

There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 15 - Hit and Run - In the Hillcrest parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run to a vehicle.

There was damage to the fender. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 15 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of alcohol found in a room during the break check. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the items. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 15 - Possession of Stolen Property - In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of found items that were taken from Seegers Union found in a room during the break check. The items included napkin holders and salt and pepper shakers. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 15 - Found Property - In the back drive, there was a report of a found pair of sunglasses. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Oct. 15 - Found Property - On campus, there was a report of a found student ID card. Attempts were made to contact

the owner.

Oct. 15 - Larceny/Theft - At 2241 Liberty St., there was a report of a found Muhlenberg College flag taken from an unknown location on campus. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 15 - Injured Student - In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of blood found on the floor found during the break check. The investigation will continue when the students return from break.

Oct. 16 - Found Property - In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found cell phone.



A message was left with the owners' parents to pick up the phone at the Campus Safety office. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 19 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of vandalism to white boards and posters that were ripped off of doors. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 20 - Sick Student - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to pick up medicine.

Oct. 20 - Lost Property - In Egnor Memorial Chapel, there was a report of a lost key.

Oct. 20 - Unlawful Entry (No Force) - In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of theft of an iPod. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 20 - Unlawful Entry (No Force) - At 318 Albright St., there was a report of theft of sunglasses from a room. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 20 - Found Property - On N. 26th St., there was a report of a found set of chef knives. Sodexo was notified and picked up the items.

Oct. 21 - Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) - In the Walz/Brown north parking lot, there was a report of a vehicle with an excessive amount of unpaid tickets parked illegally and not registered. A Campus Safety officer booted the vehicle.

Oct. 21 - Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) - In the Walz/Brown north parking lot, there was a report of a vehicle that was illegally parked with an

excessive amount of unpaid parking tickets. A Campus Safety officer booted the vehicle.

Oct. 21 - Found Property - In the Trexler Library, there was a report

of found items from the library. The items included notebooks and sunglasses. It is unknown when the items were turned in. The owners were notified to pick up the notebooks. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 21 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found Muhlenberg student ID card. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The owner later picked up the ID card.

Oct. 22 - Sick Student - In Taylor Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 22 - Found Property - In Walson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found bicycle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The bike was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 22 - Lost Property - In Taylor Hall, first floor, there

was a report of lost money.

Oct. 22 - Unsecure Area - In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of unsecure doors upon arrival. It is unknown who propped the doors open.

Oct. 23 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. An underage student was seen carrying a liquor bottle. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the item. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 23 - Lost Property - In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a lost student ID card and keys.

Oct. 23 - Found Property - In the football stadium, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 23 - Motor Vehicle Accident - On Liberty St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. The incident occurred off campus. Allentown Police responded and took a report. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 24 - Disorderly Conduct - On N. 21st St., there was a report of disorderly conduct. The Allentown Police Department responded. The Allentown Police Department arrested two non-students for Underage Drinking and Public Drunkenness.

Oct. 24 - Institutional Vandalism - In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of vandalism to a room door. Profanity was written on the door. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 24 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation while investigating a previous incident. Campus Safety officers found alcohol in a room and later disposed of the items. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 24 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several empty liquor bottles were found in a room. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the items. Referred to the Dean of Students.

WEEKLY

Life!

"The healthiest response to life is joy."
- Deepak Chopra

The Pajama Game: A 50's musical for a modern stage

BY KELSEY HUTCHISON
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

The Pajama Game, the beloved Broadway Musical opens Oct. 29 and will run in the Empie Theatre through Parents' Weekend ending Nov. 7.

This production of *The Pajama Game* is the perfect example of what can happen when theatre and dance come together. Charlie Richter, the head of the Theatre Program, is the production's director and the head of the Dance Program, Karen Dearborn, is the choreographer for the many musical numbers throughout the show. Curtis Dretsch, the director of design and technical theatre, is the scenic designer. Chris Szczerbienski '11 is the light designer. The costume designer is Constance Case. Emma Pressman '12 is



Casey Gill, '11 as Babe Williams and James Patefield, '13 as Sid Sorokin.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SNYDER

the stage manager. Veteran conductor Vincent Trovato will lead the twenty-two piece live orchestra. This production showcases the collaboration of both programs in the Department of Theatre & Dance as the cast includes both theatre and dance majors and minors.

For those not acquainted with the script of *The Pajama Game* the play is set in Iowa in the '50s. The musical centers around the Sleep Tite Pajama Factory where the workers have gone on strike for a seven-and-a-half cent raise. At the start of the play, Sid Sorokin, the new superintendent, comes to work at the factory and takes interest in one of the workers, Babe Williams. Sparks start to fly and the two characters fall in love, but there's a hitch. Babe happens to be the leader of the union grievance committee behind the strike. This sets off a conflict between management and labor and upsets previous gender relations causing a battle of the sexes where anything can happen. "It's a massively romantic musical," said Richter. "All the main characters are looking for love, or finding love, or in tumultuous relationships. The show features a depth of characterization and storytelling that contemporary musicals tend to lack."

Casey Gill '11, who plays Babe said, "Despite conflicts of status and power and who works for whom, even the most stubborn characters find a way to put aside their differences and in the end love conquers all."

"Even though the Pajama Game is set in the 50s, with that traditional gender structure where men are over the women, I think that it is still relatable to today especially through the humor because it is a very funny play," said Annie Williams '14, who is excited to be a member of the ensemble in her first Mainstage production. "Even though my character works in the workplace, there is still a lot of switching the tables and standing up and being a person of the union, wanting the seven-and-a-half cent raise, and fighting for what's right, which is still relatable today with our economy and the outsourcing that's happening."

One reason this musical is so beloved and admired is for the irresistible musical score including such favorites as "Steam Heat," "Hernando's Hideaway," and "Hey There." "Every song's a hit," said Richter. "These are some of the best songs ever written for the stage. The score is extraordinarily rich and robust." One thing that really makes this musical is the wide variety of genres in terms of music and dancing that the production includes. There is country, western, tango, ballet, and even Fosse

jazz. As a musical, *The Pajama Game* naturally has a lot of musical numbers and more than half of them feature the ensemble with a lot of really strong dancing to supplement the strong singing. Annie Williams said that "especially for the ensemble, there is a lot of dancing in this show. There is a lot of jazz and even tango, especially in 'Hernando's Hideaway', which is one of the big dance numbers. But there is also a lot of fun movement and a lot of lifting." Angela DeAngelo '12 plays Gladys Hotchkiss, a secretary in the factory. "I'm in 'Steam Heat,' which is the big Fosse dance number and one of the most well known songs of the show. What is so great about this number is that, with Dearborn's direction, we are doing choreography inspired by the original Fosse choreography from the '50s. It's been a great process to learn the choreography and really get into the style and feel of the time period."

One thing that makes *The Pajama Game* different from past Mainstage productions is that, staying true to the '50s sensibility, the actors will not use microphones on the huge Empie Stage. Gill explained, "It's a huge theatre and we all need to have huge voices." In order to be heard over the live orchestra, the actors will need to project, and act big so that even from the last row their expressions will be seen and they can be heard.

The large scale of the show can be seen in the proportions of the set. Curtis Dretsch, the scene designer, described it as "lighthearted, flexible, fluid, and colorful" yet it is also huge as it consists of eight 20-foot fabric swatches in a variety of wild pajama-like patterns and the set consists of a full kitchen and a full pajama factory. The color palate captures the spirit of the production's original '50s era as it consists of bold, bright colors and designs. "The set is marginally representational, but not at all literal," he said. "I don't think I have ever in my life used this much color on stage." In fact, the main characters are each assigned their own color scheme. Babe is red, Sid blue, and Gladys is green.

"All of my costumes are different shades and patterns of greens" DeAngelo said.

"Another theme is I wear a lot of bows. Bows on the neckline, bows on the butt, bows everywhere. I have one office dress that is conservative and plain green with bows. I actually get to wear a romper and a lot of dresses and skirts to show off my legs as I'm very much the sex symbol in the play. In fact, I don't wear pants at all."

Babe's color scheme is red reflecting her strong, independent, confident character. Babe is particularly strong in terms of her relationship to Sid; Babe



The set of *The Pajama Game*

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doesn't feel like she has to be submissive or fawn over him. "Babe literally wears the pants in the relationship," Gill explained. "In the whole show I only wear one dress; the rest is all pants, which for the '50s was very uncommon. I feel like the costumes really hone in on the distinct representations of the characters."

The Pajama Game is a humorous, family-friendly production. "As actors our purpose in the show is to bring joy to people and to make them laugh, which is what we do in *The Pajama Game*," DeAngelo said.

The Pajama Game runs Oct. 29 through Nov. 7 in the Empie Theatre, Baker Center for the Arts. Performances are Fri. and Sat., Oct. 29-30, at 8 p.m.; Sun., Oct. 31, at 2 p.m.; Wed. through Fri., Nov. 3-5, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 6, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. Campus tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the box office in the Trexler Lobby. Availability is limited and best seating is on Wed. and Thurs.

The Third Chapter of the Living Writers Series: Russell Banks

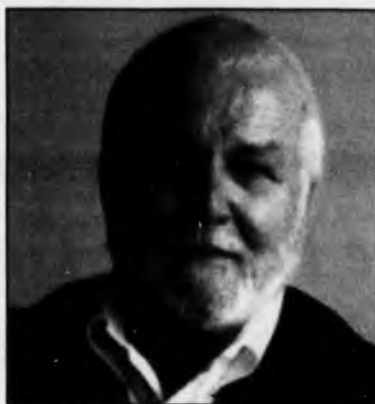
By EMILY ANCONA
LIFE WRITER

As evening set in on Oct. 13, a crowded Miller Forum became the arena for the highly anticipated arrival of award-winning novelist, Russell Banks. As the third guest to read on behalf of the Living Writers Series, Banks was greeted with hearty enthusiasm from the audience comprising students and admirers of his work.

Banks read from two bodies of work. The first, *Lobster Night*, is a short story of which he read the entirety. "All week the lobsters floated and sank in the cloudy tank like dark thoughts." One of the earliest lines from the text, this sentence immediately sets the tone for the rest of the story with a honed ease and nonchalance characteristic of Banks' writing. The second selection was an excerpt from Banks' forthcoming novel entitled *The Lost Memory of Skin*. Bank revealed that he has been working on this novel for the past three years. Upon his arrival on Wed. He confessed to students that he had spent the whole of the three hour commute to campus working on a single paragraph of this latest project. The excerpt he read gave audience members a tantalizing preview at what is sure to be a gripping story of a misunderstood character with a compromising identity.

Earlier in the day, Banks attended a Question and Answer Session with students of the Living Writers course. He was patient with students as they bombarded him with diligent questions, and he responded graciously to their inquiries. Banks offered an interesting analogy when asked how he felt about watching his books being adapted to film. He likens the process to a somewhat destructive arts and crafts project. He noted that if the novel as an art form is like a clay pot, then in order to convert that novel to film, a director needs to smash the pot into pieces before reassembling the shards into a new creation. Some pieces are left out, and the remnants form an entirely new object, which he jests with good-natured bias is not as "pretty." He appreciates the process for what it is, and with a few exceptions, he is generally well pleased with the film adaptations of his work.

Two of Banks' novels, *Affliction* (1989) and *The Sweet Hereafter* (1991), were adapted to the screen. Banks has won many awards for his works including a Guggenheim



The author Russell Banks.

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Fellowship. Three of his novels, *The Darling* (2004), *Cloudsplitter* (1998), and *Continental Drift* (1985), were Pulitzer Prize finalists, and the film adaptation of *The Sweet Hereafter* won three Cannes Film Festival Awards.

"You always feel you've missed the mark," observes Banks, about the writing process, "which is why you start a new book two weeks later." While it may feel this way for Banks, his novels seem to consistently 'hit the mark,' so to speak, with readers. Perhaps this is due to Banks' wealth of knowledge and personal insight regarding the concepts about which he writes. *The Sweet Hereafter*, a novel about the crippling effects of grief, tells the tale of a community dealing with the devastating aftermath of a tragic bus accident. Banks recalls drawing inspiration for the novel from news articles as well as his own life. At seventeen years of age, Banks' younger brother was killed in a fatal train crash. He notes that his own family's ongoing experience of coping with tragedy helped define the ways in which his characters would ultimately grapple with *The Sweet Hereafter's* defining accident. Similarly, the primary character in *Lobster Night* is a woman who has come face to face with the life-altering experience of being struck by lightning. Banks remembers a conversation he once had with a woman who had been struck by lightning in which she related to him the extent to which she felt that the event had changed her person entirely. This conversation gave life to the *Lobster Night's* leading character.

In the closing comments of his reading Banks noted wryly that human beings are the only species that do not know how to be themselves. Dogs don't need to learn how to become dogs, they don't need to discover themselves—these are qualities distinctly unique to humans. Banks argues that literature aims to guide humanity on the road to self discovery. George Orwell once wrote, "The best books are those that tell you what you know already." This is where Banks' true strength lies. His comprehension and expression of the human condition in all its most tender and trying moments are the points where his novels truly penetrate readers' souls. The Muhlenberg community was grateful to Banks for his enlightening visit, and wishes him heartfelt success on the release of his latest novel.

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Popular Costumes of 2010!

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

"What are you going to be for Halloween this year?" This question

much cheaper and convenient to buy. The popular style she is most known for from the video consists of coke cans, a leather

has come up in many conversations in the last two weeks. Despite the fact that Halloween has been deemed a holiday more so for children between the ages of eight and 16, students of the College are anxious to surprise their friends with their creative disguises for this upcoming weekend. In my opinion, college students are excited for Halloween more so because we get to be someone else for a full night. We can shed our blasé personalities for a little while and transform ourselves into something we have always wanted to be. The candy that is obtained throughout the night is a nice bonus, but I believe Halloween for college students is all about the costumes. I remember when I was in the fourth grade all the girls desired to be a princess and all the boys wanted to be a superhero. It was common to see over 20 girls wearing a crown and a lot of boys displaying the same spider-man mask. Now; however, things have changed and I have realized that as we grow older we wish to make our own unique costumes rather than buy the provincial and ordinary witch or ghost costume.

Throughout this past week I have been inquiring as to what festive costumes are most likely to appear in the dark of the night this upcoming weekend and the majority of people who were asked this question talked about portraying their favorite celebrities. The most popular answer was Lady Gaga for ladies. The most popular answer was President Obama or former President Bush for gentlemen. Although presidents are political figures, they share the fame and popularity of celebrities. I think the two prominent reasons as to why college students want to dress as celebrities is that they can make these costumes instead of buying them, which is much cheaper. Costumes from online stores or the mall range anywhere between \$25 and \$50. A lot of the supplies needed for these costumes can be found at local stores or from within our homes. Another reason as to why these celebrities were chosen is because they are famous or influential in some way.

It makes sense that a lot of girls would want to imitate Lady Gaga's look because she is so unique and has a lot fun with whatever she wears. I say this with the utmost respect for her, but it seems like everyday is Halloween for Lady Gaga. While she has provided audiences with a variety of wacky looks, most girls are anxious to duplicate her infamous "Telephone" look. Ladies are not going to buy pre-made costumes from the mall but they are racing to local grocery stores and Target to copy her outfit from the video. Supplies from these sources will be



A woman wearing a costume imitating Lady Gaga's "Telephone" look.

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copying her in order to finish the look. This sounds like a very cool and authentic idea for a Halloween costume and I am anxious to see numerous Lady Gaga impersonators running around on Friday or Saturday, or maybe even Thursday night depending on how many people attend the Halloween themed Maingate extravaganza. From what I heard many students from the College are looking to attend this event!

As for the boys, their costume is more simplistic and therefore much easier to put together. Boys will naturally choose a more simplistic costume to wear because they hate wearing complicated outfits. Imitating presidents is also economically beneficial as well. All the boys really need to do is buy a mask of either president that they wish to impersonate and dress in a professional suit with all the elements of sophistication. They could wear black dress shoes, a tie or bow tie with the colors representing America, and a white button-down shirt. Most of these items they can even pull out of their closets as these are materials that a lot of guys already have in their possession, which is why I think this costume is most popular for boys for Halloween. If they wanted to make this costume more authentic then instead of buying a mask they could put dramatic make-up on and put dye in their hair to show the age and look of the president.

It seems as though for Halloween this year students are looking to portray popular celebrities in order to be more creative, sought out, and economically efficient by buying cheap supplies in order to create costumes on their own.

Who will you choose to be?

AMC Weekend Listings



Paranormal Activity

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Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:40

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Fri. 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 6:50

Life As We Know It

Fri. 4:40, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 1:50, 4:40, 7:50

Hereafter

Fri. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 8:00

Saw VII

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Social Network

Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 12:50, 4:20, 7:00

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Olive Branch: A Great Destination

By ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

Located in downtown Bethlehem, the Olive Branch Restaurant is a quaint and comfortable Middle Eastern restaurant that offers delicious food for a wonderful price. My friend Anna and I planned to go out to dinner somewhat last minute this past Saturday night, and thought it might fun to step outside of the Allentown boundaries for a change. We didn't want to go anywhere too fancy or expensive, so after checking the Olive Branch's website, we decided to give it a go. The drive was only about 15 minutes, and we were able to park on a nearby street. The restaurant itself is located on a rather busy street, and doesn't have a designated parking lot, but the streets that are close by have places to parallel park.

Upon arrival, we immediately noticed the inviting atmosphere. There was decorative lighting around the doorway, and inside the walls are painted yellow with a green trim, creating a warm and bright ambiance. The restaurant has an easy-going feel similar to a café; the seating area is pretty small, and there is a counter where customers can come in and buy pastries to go. There weren't too many people there for 8pm on a Saturday night granted the restaurant starts closing at 9, but I got the feeling that reservations aren't really necessary. Customers are able to seat themselves, and we sat at a two-person table towards the back of the restaurant. Our waitress, who was the only waitress on staff, also ran the counter, but she was very efficient and took care of everyone well. She immediately brought us our menus and our drink orders arrived quickly.

We wanted to order a good variety of food, but also wanted to keep it on our small budget of a pooled \$32. Luckily, the menu items are rather inexpensive! We ordered two appetizers, the Feta Pies and the Hummus, each for \$3.95, and the Shish Kabob

entree for \$12.95. The Feta Pies were incredible, we absolutely recommend them for anyone who likes feta cheese! They were served warm-crunchy on the outside, and soft on the inside. The bread that they are made out of is homemade, and there is light onion seasoning on the outside which adds a great flavor. The Homous appetizer is perfect for splitting between two people or among a group of friends. The homous itself is authentic-tasting, and is served with slices of pita in a basket. The Shish Kabob entrée is two skewers of your choice of lamb or beef, we chose lamb, and is served with rice mixed with ground beef and pine nuts to give it a rice pilaf flavor. Everything tasted delicious, and we couldn't get over how great the food was especially for its low prices! Since we were within our budget at the end of our entrée, we decided to split a piece of cake for dessert: the Chocolate Raspberry cake. The restaurant makes their own pastries and cakes, so if you're up for dessert, we recommend that you stick around to have some! In my opinion, the Middle Eastern food is this restaurant's specialty, but I never turn down dessert, so if you're like me, feel free order dessert too, you really can't go wrong!

We both agreed that the Olive Branch is a great destination for anyone who is looking for a casual night out with friends or for a simple date night! The prices are extremely affordable, which is appealing to all of us college students who want to save our money, and the food absolutely is worth the trip to Bethlehem. For more information about this restaurant, feel free to visit their website: <http://olivebranchbethlehem.com/index.html>. With its simple, relaxed environment and impeccable Middle Eastern cuisine, Olive Branch is a refreshing change from busy and expensive restaurants. I highly suggest that all Muhlenberg make a point in pushing their boundaries and stopping by!

This Weekend on Campus

Fri. Oct. 29

- 1) Grim's Corn Maze! Shuttle leaves from behind the Trumbower Archway at 6 pm and return to campus at 9 pm
- 2) *The Pajama Game* in the Empie Theatre at 8 pm
- 3) Ice Hockey vs. Lafayette at the Rink at Lehigh Valley. Shuttle leaves from Trumbower Archway at 9 pm.
- 4) Movie "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in the Red Door at 12 am

Sat. Oct. 30

- 1) Women's Rugby vs. Ursinus at the Scotty Wood Stadium at 12 pm

- 2) Movie "You Will Meet a Tall, Dark Stranger" at the Civic Theatre. The shuttle leaves from behind Trumbower Archway at 7 pm. Tickets available in the Student Activities Office

- 3) *The Pajama Game* in the Empie Theatre at 8 pm

Sun. Oct. 31

- 1) Celebrate Dia de los Muertos and Reformation Sunday at a student-led service in Egner Memorial Chapel at 1 pm
- 2) *The Pajama Game* in the Empie Theatre at 2 pm
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Football: a game of inherent risk

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
SPORTS WRITER

Who does not love to see a bone-crushing hit where you can just admire the beauty of one football player completely annihilating another? A wide receiver is coming over the middle of the field and pop. James Harrison, linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers, lowers his shoulder, rams his helmet into the receiver's helmet, drives the receiver to the ground, and he is slow to get up. One of the best parts about watching the National Football League is seeing those hard hitters (Ray Lewis, Brian Dawkins, or James Harrison to name a few) lay out an offensive player. It is definitely good for the fans and the hardest hitting defensive players are some of the best players in football. So why does the NFL want to hand out suspensions for "head shots" and "devastating hits" according to Executive Vice President of Football Operations, Ray Anderson?

The defensive players are openly outraged and the offensive players are taciturn. Defensive players argue that they have been playing a certain way and they can't change the way they play. Players argue that it's a split second decision and they have no choice, but to react and if their head hits the other players head well that's just football. This is their job, hit opposing players as hard as possible, because again this is just football. Basically helmet to helmet hits are justified because this is football, right?

What if "this football" does not work because of the staggering risk factor? Only six weeks into this NFL season 41 players have already been reported with having concussions and according to the NFL each season around 175 players get concussions. When many years down the line players with concussions can end up suffering from depression and loss of cognitive functioning shouldn't the NFL do everything it possibly can to prevent this. So with

this newfound concussion research, why are players opposed to something that will help prevent such a grievous injury?

James Harrison's take on hard hitting is this, "I don't want to see anyone injured, but I'm not opposed to hurting anyone."

When asked about the difference Harrison replied, "There's a difference. When you're injured, you can't play. But when you're hurt, you can shake it off and come back, maybe a few plays later or the next game. I try to hurt people."

Well it's good to know someone has the safety of the players in mind. Well this may be all very exciting to Harrison, his teammates, and the fans; the players who are losing consciousness and suffering confusion, headache, nausea, blurred vision, and loss of short term memory from the concussion Harrison just gave them (Josh Cribbs and Mohamed Massaquoi), they may feel differently.

"If I get a chance to knock somebody out, I'm going to knock them out and take what they give me. They give me a helmet, I'm going to use it," said Miami Dolphins linebacker Channing Crowder.

That is a completely reasonable statement. They give Crowder a helmet presumably to hurt other players or maybe to injure them. Defensive players do not want the NFL telling them what they can and cannot do because it is their job to make plays and that is why they get paid. So how can the NFL reasonably suspend players for doing their jobs?

The answer is they are protecting the players. Two years ago the NFL was not at a point where they were acknowledging that there were long term effects from concussions and players were going right back into games even with concussion like symptoms present.

What has changed? The information that doctors and the NFL have now support this very "radical"

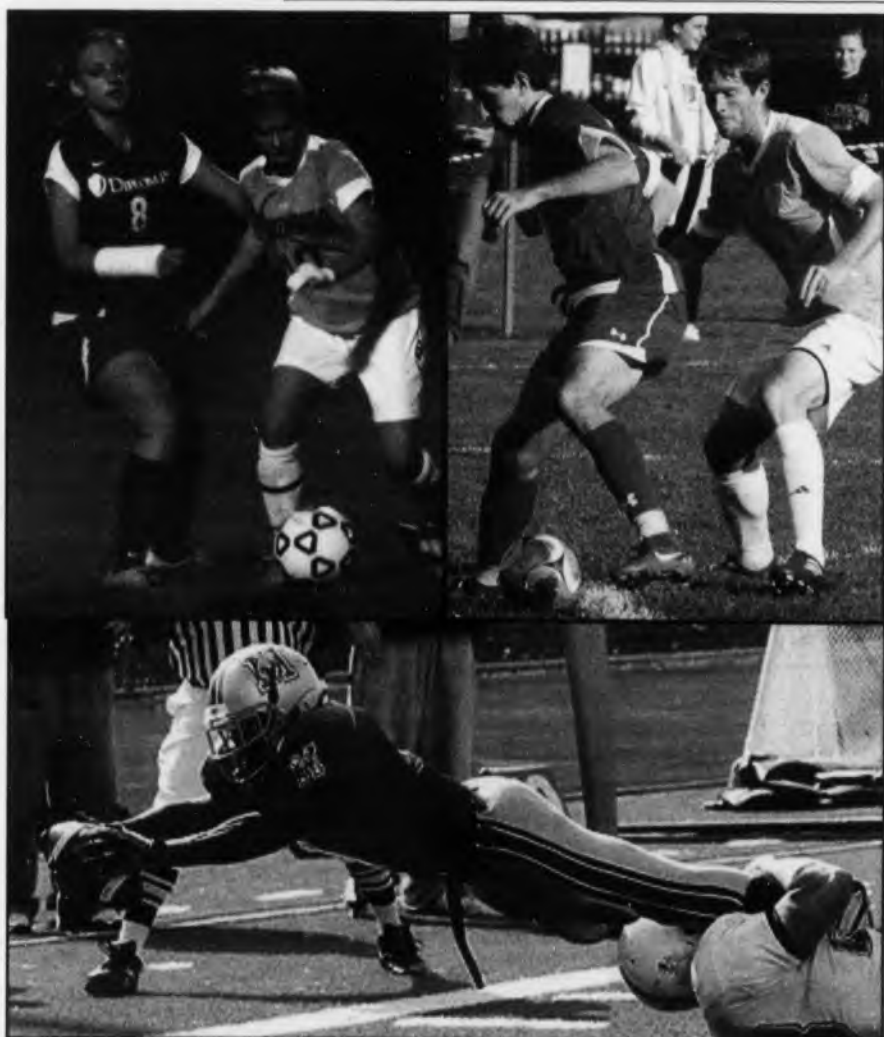
theory that brain trauma is really a pretty bad thing. The NFL is trying to make the already dangerous game a little safer. Players should be rejoicing instead of scoffing at this new "unfair" ruling. Maybe fifteen years down the road these players will change their minds about this "unfair" ruling when they watch other players deal with clinical depression.

Ted Johnson a former linebacker for the new England Patriots on the years after his playing career said, "I'd [leave to] go see my kids for maybe 15 minutes. Then I would go back home and close the curtains, turn the lights off and I'd stay in bed. That was my routine for two years." Do NFL players have to wait until this is their reality to see the horrors of what concussions can do to a player?

The solution to concussions is not simple. Head to head hits will still happen and players will still face the possibility of getting concussions from playing football. Two things can be done to make football marginally safer. One is to make the helmets more effective against protecting concussions.

Today the helmets are good for preventing skull fractures, but nowhere near as good at preventing concussions. The NFL seriously needs to invest a vast amount of money and energy into helmet research. The second is what they have started to do now. Heftier fines and suspensions will hopefully cause players to refrain from needlessly causing helmet to helmet collisions (with the intent to hurt or injure). This step will hopefully prevent the myriad of concussions that take place every Sunday as men of massive structure take to the field in an attempt to decapitate their opponents.

Harrison was asked if he was worried about the long term risk of concussions on his brain. "That's the risk you take," he replied. Maybe he does not have to take that risk.



Clockwise from top: Senior Eric Williams defends for the Mules; Sophomore Terrance Dandridge stretches for the endzone; Junior Nicolette Miller takes control for the Lady Mules.

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good; Mules 7, Diplomats 0.

Early in the second quarter, the Mules faltered. Dandridge started the drive with a 36-yard run. However, on the ensuing first down, they were backed up two yards. Then, on second, they fumbled (but recovered), backing them up five more yards. Third down yielded an incompleteness, so they were forced to punt. But, the punt was blocked, so Franklin & Marshall started their next drive on the Muhlenberg 34-yard-line.

The Diplomats were on the doorstep, but the Mules held them to a field goal. On the ensuing drive, Muhlenberg tried to answer, but the 32-yard attempt went wide left. The rest of the first half yielded no results for either team, so the score at the half was: 7-3, Mules.

Muhlenberg started the second half with a disastrous drive. On third-and-seventeen, Deighan was sacked for a 5-yard loss, giving the Mules a 4-22 on their 15-yard line. The Mules came out in punt formation, but the Diplomats' special teams got to their second punt of the game, recovering the ball in the back of the end zone. After the kick was good, the Mules were looking at a three-point deficit.

On the ensuing drive, the Mules rode Dandridge to the 47, but a sack ended the drive, forcing the Mules to punt.

Franklin & Marshall capitalized on the shift of momentum, cruising 87 yards down the field to their first offensive touchdown, making the score 17-7.

Muhlenberg looked poised to strike back on the next drive, but Deighan was sacked during the fourth-down conversion on the Franklin & Marshall 22-yard line. After stopping the Diplomats on the ensuing drive, the Mules made it to Franklin & Marshall's 33-yard line but were stopped again on fourth down.

The Mules were unable to threaten again in the game.

Throughout the season, Muhlenberg has been cited for the excellence of its special teams. This game was unusual in the sense that the Mules essentially lost the game on special teams.

Deighan led the offense with 220 yards in the air and 44 yards on the ground. Dandridge led the rushing attack with 140 yards, tying his career high he set last week, with one touchdown. He has had more than 100 rushing yards in five straight games. Vaughn led receivers with 55 yards on five catches.

Hartzell (10 tackles, one forced fumble, and one interception), Senior Linebacker Mark Accomando (nine tackles, one broken up pass, and half a sack), and Senior Linebacker Patrick McDonough (nine tackles and half a sack) stood out amongst the Mules' defense.

The Mules' next game will be at Dickinson (2-5, 2-4), who has the second-worst scoring defense in the Centennial Conference.

The real heroes of sport

BY JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

University of Pittsburgh Head Men's Basketball Coach Jamie Dixon is a sort of hero. While driving home last Saturday night, Dixon witnessed a vehicle flip over on the side of the highway. Instead of going home after a long day of work, Dixon did something not often seen in the sports world: He pulled over and helped out.

"It was one of those things where you just react. I think a lot of people would have done the same thing," Dixon said Monday in a news conference. "When I saw the car flip I didn't think anyone would survive."

The victim, who regained consciousness shortly after emergency personnel arrived at the scene, suffered only a broken ankle. The victim was incredibly lucky.

But, without the help of Dixon, it might have been much worse. Dixon assisted in moving the victim from the vehicle, and sustained cuts to his hands in the process.

Unfortunately, stories like this in sports are not seen often enough. Instead of hearing stories like Dixon's, we hear about Darrelle Revis holding out for millions more while millions of others are unemployed. Instead of hearing stories like Dixon's, we hear about Brett Favre's lude text messages. The crazy becomes the norm. The heroic becomes insane.

While stories like Dixon's are not unheard of (Yankees manager Joe Girardi did a similar thing last year after winning the World Series), they are few and far in between. Our sport discourse is not focused on the humanitarian efforts of the athletes and coaches we root for.

It's time for a paradigm shift. In order for sport to move forward from the banal

to the important, in order for sport to become a platform for social good, we need to change our discourse. Instead of stories involving holdouts, arrests and general stupidity dominating the ESPN headlines, stories like Dixon's need to be front and center. Case in point: The story on Dixon on ESPN.com was buried beneath such important stories as Rangers catcher Bengie Molina being guaranteed of getting a World Series ring and Allen Iverson signing a contract with a Turkish basketball team. On SportsIllustrated.com, it was not even a top headline.

In order for these stories to dominate the headlines, however, they need to happen more often. Instead of hitting the clubs, athletes need to help out in the community. But, with money to burn, it's hard to fault athletes for wanting to celebrate. They are rich, young and successful, with a cadre of women usually following them. It's a tough life.

But, sacrifices need to be made, and more humanitarian endeavors need to be taken on by all athletes and coaches, not just a select few. Jamie Dixon is a model for all athletes and coaches in the sporting world. We can all afford to take a page out of Dixon's book. Because of the scale of sport, the millions of homes and people it reaches, sports in general have the rare opportunity to make a tremendous impact. And while there are some who do, it doesn't go far enough. Most athletes make millions of dollars, and have millions of dollars to spend. Instead of spending it on luxurious homes, a little bit can go to improving the world around them. We are not asking for much. Just enough so that stories like Dixon's become commonplace.

Final tune-up for Cross Country Centennial Conference Championships

BY GIL SCHPERO
SPORTS WRITER

Two weeks ago on Sat. Oct. 16th the Mule Cross Country Teams travelled to Lafayette to compete in the Leopard Invitational. Muhlenberg Freshman Nicole Cronin added to her already impressive debut collegiate season with an eighth-place finish at the event.

Cronin's time of 22:22.90 was her fastest mark this season, and was good for tops among all Division III women. She was beaten only by five runners from Division I and two from Division II. Her time was the best by a Mule on a 6K course since 2005. Cronin was named Runner of the Week by the Centennial Conference.

Cronin's run helped Berg finish sixth, 22 points ahead of Moravian, the only other Division III team in the field.

She was one of seven Lady Mules to post their best time of the season at the event, as the team was the top finishing Division III team, coming in sixth place overall. Sophomore Samantha Mayden finished 17th overall, and was the third Division III female to cross the line, with a time of 23:06.50. Following Mayden came Freshman Ramzy Burns with a time of 24:03.8, Junior Ashley Greenberg running a 24:51.5, Junior Kimberlee Yalango 25:26.7 and Senior Hannah Mitchell 25:28.3. The Lady Mules showed tremendous improvement in the last invitational and we look forward this Saturday where both teams will be competing in the CC Championships at Johns Hopkins University. Good luck girls.

After back-to-back weekends of hard racing, the Mule men were instructed to use the race as a tempo run to prepare for the Championships later this coming weekend.

With its top runner taking the weekend off, the team finished ninth in the field comprised mainly of Division I schools.

Sophomore Brendan Smith led the Mules with his 40th-place finish. Senior Bobby Torphy of the Muhlenberg men's cross-country team was named last week's Runner of the Week by the Centennial Conference, last week.

Torphy ran a time of 26:46.07 to finish third out of 277 runners and lead Berg to a second-place finish at the DeSales Invitational on Oct. 9. The third-place finish tied a career best for Torphy. He also came in third at the 2008 Mule/Falcon Classic.

The Men's team is ranked ninth in the Mideast Region again this week. I look forward to reporting even more good news after the conference championships at Johns Hopkins. We wish all competitors luck and hope that the Mules can leave it all on the course. Good luck and Thanks for staying tuned in.

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victory as they traveled to McDaniel College on October 16. Muhlenberg held McDaniel to just seven shots in the entire game, as they soared to an easy two nothing victory, both goals coming courtesy of Junior Josh Luginbuhl. The first goal, a beautiful, unassisted shot came early on in the 11th minute. The second goal came late in the second half, once again proving that the Centennial Conference is "Mule Dominated."

Muhlenberg survived a scary game as they took on The College of New Jersey on October 20. Berg was completely shut down in the first half, only registering one shot through the first forty five minutes of action. Surprisingly they found themselves down in a hole, losing by two goals. A half-time pep talk must have been just what the doctor ordered because Muhlenberg fought back hard in the second half. In the 54th minute, Antonini scored by chipping the ball over the keeper's head, giving him goal number fourteen. Berg knew they needed one to tie, two to win. Once again, the savior, Antonini scored in the 65th minute to tie the game. That is how the game would end in a tie, but it was a valiant effort to get this tie, and a key one, because a loss could have endangered their top twenty five standing, and potentially their Centennial Conference standing.

Muhlenberg's most recent game pinned them against Haverford College, a team with just seven wins, five losses and two ties, making it seem like an easy game for the Mules. However, this win was not as easy as it seemed, with Muhlenberg having to fight for the only goal of the game in the 81st minute of action. Despite Haverford only recording one shot in the game, and Muhlenberg striking the ball fourteen times, Haverford's defensive attack shut down the Mules power offense. Senior Mike Williams' unassisted goal to win the game came off of an intercepted pass, and some fancy footwork to place the ball past the keeper.

This was a key win for Muhlenberg, because like the TCNJ game, it could have easily been a loss, and two losses would have destroyed Muhlenberg's perfect season and a chance at Centennial Conference championships. With just two games to go, it is important that the Mules stay on top of their game. Nothing is stopping them from an NCAA bid, and who knows, maybe even a national title?

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University, only 15 minutes away from his high school. After graduating, he would still always make sure to find time to visit his former coaches at Colonia and speak to current players.

He is the consummate team player. LeGrand came in as a linebacker and moved to whatever position the team needed him at. He went from linebacker to defensive end, moved to offense as a fullback, then went back to defensive end, and finally defensive tackle again.

Sports seem so meaningless at a time like this. They seem unnecessary and not worth the price some pay to play the game. Rutgers won the game, but they lost a teammate, a friend, and a leader in the process.

It is in the darkest of times that people come closest together. LeGrand, known as "Big E" to many, has the support of his family, friends, and countless concerned individuals across the nation sending him prayers and encouragement.

The support that LeGrand has gotten from everyone is amazing. Twitter and Facebook messages from NFL players like Reggie Bush and Steve Smith show how a nation sympathizes with a young man who suffers such a tragic injury. In an amazing gesture, the New Jersey Nets have donated \$75,000 to the "Eric LeGrand Believe Fund."

The support from LeGrand's hometown has shown how this big man has made such a big impact on so many people's lives. Wristbands saying "Eric LeGrand #52 Believe" have been made and are being sold at Rutgers and Colonia High School. All of the money goes to L's family to help them out at this difficult time. Ben LaSala, has coached football at Colonia High for 16 years. LaSala has been like a father to LeGrand and now he doesn't know how he can continue coaching after seeing what the sport has done to one of his best and closest former players. Friends have been visiting LeGrand at the hospital since the first night he was injured. There are tributes to Eric everywhere around town. The kid with the shining smile has touched so many people and brought so many people together, united with the belief that Eric will get better.

Rutgers head coach Greg Schiano knows how determined and strong a person LeGrand truly is. "As I talked to our team, we believe that Eric LeGrand is going to walk onto that field again with us," Schiano said. "That's what we believe."

Belief is a powerful thing. Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer at age 25. It spread to his lungs, abdomen, and brain. After emergency surgery he was given a less than 40% chance of survival. Three years later, he won the Tour de France, ultimately winning a record seven in a row.

"Anything is possible," Armstrong said. "You can be told that you have a 90-percent chance or a 50-percent chance or a 1-percent chance, but you have to believe, and you have to fight."

Eric LeGrand is fighting and he has thousands of people behind him to support him and to believe in him. There are some people that everyone can't help but like, respect, and believe in. Eric LeGrand is one of those people.

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Oct. 13
@ Swarthmore
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Johns Hopkins
L 1-2

Oct. 19,
Bryn Mawr
W 6-0

Oct. 22, 7:00
Franklin & Marshall
L 0-4

FOOTBALL

Oct. 16
@ McDaniel
W 29-0

Oct. 23
Franklin & Marshall
L 7-17

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oct. 16
Johns Hopkins
W 2-1

Oct. 20
Bryn Mawr
W 4-0

Oct. 23
Franklin & Marshall
W 4-0

Oct. 26, 4:00
@ Ursinus
L 1-2

MEN'S GOLF

Oct. 18
Muhlenberg Invitational
1st place

Oct. 19
Messiah Falcon Classic
3rd place

MEN'S SOCCER

Oct. 13
@ Drew
T 2-2

Oct. 16
@ McDaniel
W 2-0

Oct. 20
@ New Jersey
T 2-2

Oct. 23, 4:00
Haverford
W 1-0

VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 12
@ Swarthmore
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Men's Soccer remains undefeated with two games left

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

This week's men's soccer power rankings put the College as just one of six in the top 25 to be undefeated. When was the last time that has happened to Berg? Never. Muhlenberg has been playing their hearts out offensively and defensively, and it has been paying dividends. They currently sit second in the Centennial Conference with four wins, zero losses, and three ties. Overall, Muhlenberg has nine wins, zero losses, and six ties. Yes, the six ties is not the exact result the Mules looking for, but with two more games to go, there are two more potential wins for the team to pick up. Wed., Oct. 27's game will feature Muhlenberg at home against the number three team in the nation, Swarthmore. They are a fierce competitor with 12 wins, one loss and two ties. Well guess what Swarthmore, make that two losses. Muhlenberg's Junior Cody Antonini has only failed to score goals in just four games this season and still leads the team and conference with 15. The key to winning the Swarthmore game is to make sure he scores goals. The winner of this game will play host to the Centennial Conference, which unfortunately Muhlenberg has not had success with

the past few years, but this year is different. This year is special; this year Muhlenberg has the potential to have an undefeated season. Berg has shown why they deserve to be in the top 25, and third best team in the region, but Swarthmore will be a real challenge. With the teamwork they have shown throughout the season, it should be a no-brainer win.

The past four games, Muhlenberg has tied two and won another two. Back on Oct. 13, Muhlenberg hosted Drew University. The team came out strong as usual, with Sophomore Forward Danny Way scoring his seventh goal of the season, just six minutes into the game. This goal hopefully set the pace of the game for Berg, but unfortunately just ten minutes later, Drew scored. In the second half, the Mules got the better of Drew by drawing first blood from a goal by Sophomore Back Kyle Plifka. The war waged on, as Drew struggled to overcome the Muhlenberg defense. The game was coming to a close, and it seemed to be all over, but Drew scored in the 82nd minute, tying the game at two. Unfortunately, Muhlenberg let another close game slip away.

Berg would bounce back from this almost

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Above: Senior Back Mike Williams made his third goal of the season against Haverford.

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Diplomats gives Mules first loss in-conference; take away first place

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

The Muhlenberg football team (5-2, 5-1) dominated the first half statistically, but Franklin & Marshall (5-2, 4-2) blocked a Muhlenberg punt in the second half, shifting the momentum in favor of the Diplomats, who won the game 17-7. The loss was the Mules' first in the Centennial Conference this season, dropping them out of a tie for first with Ursinus (7-0, 6-0).

The Diplomats started the first drive of the game on their 21-yard line and got to the 33-yard line, but Junior Linebacker Chris Hartzell picked off the pass downfield, returning it 11 yards to the Diplomat 40. The Mules were unable to take advantage of the field position, however, when their fourth down conversion was rejected.

Franklin & Marshall came out firing on all cylinders on their next drive, manufacturing three first downs and making their way to the Muhlenberg 23. But, Junior Defensive End Kenneth Cobb sacked the Diplomats' quarterback for a loss of nine yards, ending the threat of a Franklin & Marshall score. However, the Mules' offense was backed up against the goal line after a superb punt nailed them on the one-yard-line.

Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan got the Mules out of the danger zone with a 14-yard pass to Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn (he would come back to Vaughn for 19 more yards later in the drive). The highlight of the drive was a 32-yard burst by Sophomore Running Back Terrence Dandridge. Later, Dandridge finished the 99-yard drive with an 8-yard rush into the end zone. The kick by Senior Kicker Michael Katz was

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A nation rallies behind hometown hero Eric LeGrand

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

Eric LeGrand could be your best friend, if you ever met him. He is the anti-jock—the antithesis of the stereotypical athlete who is cocky or a bully. The man seemingly always has a giant smile on his face, which spreads to everyone around him. But right now no one is smiling.

The 6'2 270 pound Rutgers defensive tackle was paralyzed from the neck down after making a tackle against Army on October 16th. LeGrand is a valuable and respected member of the team, serving as one of nine players on Rutgers leadership council. He just turned 20 and now he is facing the battle of a lifetime; but he won't be fighting alone.

He has an entire community, university, state, and nation behind him. Anyone who has ever met Eric can't help but root for him to be successful. He is a gentle-giant. He was an imposing presence walking down the halls of Colonia High School, but no one would fear the man who was always laughing and smiling. That is unless you encountered him on the football field. Eric played linebacker and running back for the Colonia Patriots, racking up 115 tackles as a senior and running for 980 yards and 12 touchdowns.

His performance on the field garnered him attention from schools like Notre Dame, with former Head Coach Charlie Weis even coming to the school to meet with LeGrand. His performance off the field made everyone proud that he would represent Colonia High wherever he went. LeGrand eventually committed to Rutgers

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Gridiron mules win sets up parents weekend showdown

Campus restaurant named: "Wood Dining Commons"

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In a campus-wide e-mail sent out earlier this week, President Helm announced

that the new Campus Restaurant had been renamed as the Ilene and Robert Wood Dining Commons. The Woods have been long-time friends and benefactors of the College and the new restaurant serves as a testament to their association with the College.

The Wood family has been involved with the College since 1948, when the first outside dining contract was given to Scotty Wood, Robert Wood's father. This contract enabled this local restaurant owner to start his own corporation, Wood Dining Services, which came to serve over 650 establishments.

Additionally, Bob Wood functions as an active member of the College's Board of Trustees, frequently visiting the College and meeting students. In fact, both Bob and his wife, Ilene, have been guest chefs in past years in the Garden Room, serving students, faculty, and

staff of the College.

Scotty Wood Stadium, which was built in 1999, is named after Bob's father, "Scotty" Wood. Bob himself takes an invested interest in the yearly Scotty Wood basketball tournament, both by attending the event and by marketing it to the surrounding College community. Also, the Woods frequently open their home to the College community by hosting athletes, alumni, faculty, and friends.

Over the years, Ilene and Bob Wood have not only been outstanding members of the College community, but also of the surrounding Allentown community. The Woods not only support the college monetarily, but also contribute their time and service. As President Helm best put it, "Virtually everywhere you turn in Allentown and beyond, you find Bob and Ilene as an energetic presence, promoting the arts and the overall well-being of Lehigh Valley residents. They are an inspiring example of volunteer leadership to our community of how to live a life of leadership and service."



Ilene and Robert Wood Dining Commons

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Amanda Lotz analyzes men on television

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
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University of Michigan Associate

Professor of Communication Amanda Lotz spoke at the College on Wed., Oct. 27 at 7 pm. Lotz, who was Muhlenberg's Media & Communication Department Honors Speaker, delivered a lecture called "Challenges in Analyzing Men on Television" in Miller Forum.

Lotz received her Ph.D in 2000 from the University of Texas, Austin, where she studied Gender and Sexuality in the Department of Radio/TV/Film. Her research is focused on television's representation of women. She has published two books, *The Television Will Be Revolutionized* (New York University Press, 2007) and *Redesigning Women: Television After the Network Era* (University of Illinois Press, 2006), for which she was awarded the Rackham Faculty Grant and Fellowship Award. She has published articles in nine feminist and media journals and also serves as the book review editor for *Cinema Journal*.

In some of her most recent work, Lotz has examined the way that television dramas of the 1990s presented more female protagonist characters in order to redefine television's representation of women.

Lotz hopes that future television programming will explore more diverse aspects of women's lives. Her lecture on the challenges of analyzing men on television looked at the ways different genders are represented on TV today.

Women have been analyzed for their television appearances almost as long as they have been on television. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, television studies and women's movement studies were both on the rise. Since there have always been men on television, individual female characters on TV have had a much stronger representation of women as a whole.

It is in part because of this, Lotz expressed, that there had been very little research done about men on television. Motivated to complete this research herself, Lotz began to study modern men on cable television, "men who grew up in a world that did have feminism."

These men, who play characters on shows like *Entourage*, *Breaking Bad*, *Rescue Me*, *The League*, *Men of a Certain Age*, and *Hung*, are developed with greater depth than is often expected of men on television.



Amanda Lotz speaks at the College

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA

They also have close, heterosexual relationships between one another, and by embracing these relationships they help to show that there is more than one kind of masculinity in our society today. "We are working through a broader definition and context of masculinity in society in the 2000s," Lotz concluded.

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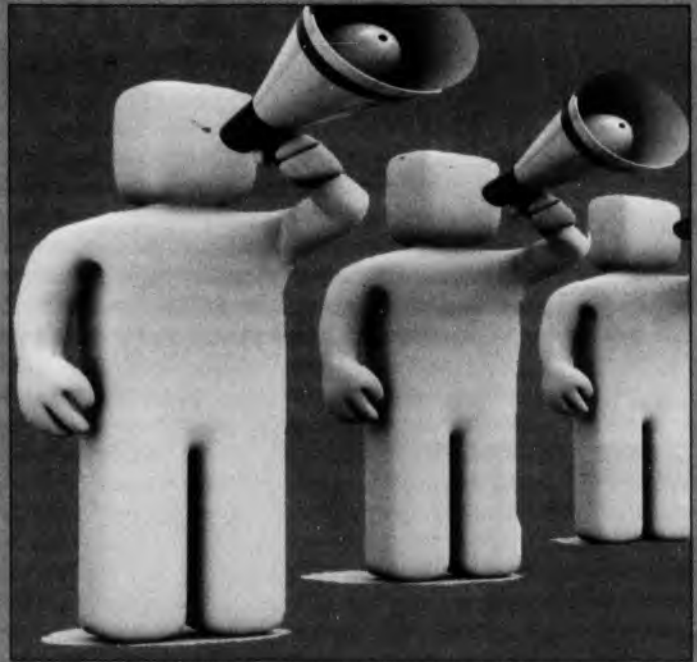
Political Entertainment

On Aug. 28, political commentator Glenn Beck hosted a "Restoring Honor" rally at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. According to Beck, the rally was about "honoring character" and American icons, such as Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr. To accomplish that goal, Beck stated that America must wake up and see the slipping of the values, principles, and faith on which the country was built. But Beck faced backlash for the spiritual undertone to his rally. Critics complained that it occurred in the same place, on the 47th anniversary as Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech and that Beck seemed to be mocking the civil rights activist, while using the rally for his own political gain.

In response to the "Restoring Honor" rally, Jon Stewart, host of *The Daily Show*, and Stephen Colbert, host of *The Colbert Report*, hosted a combined rally "To Restore Sanity and/or Fear" at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 30. According to Stewart, the purpose of the rally was not "to ridicule people," but rather to bring Americans together for the good of the country. Essentially, Stewart's message was that "as a people...we have to work together" and put aside our differences if we want to fix the problems that are afflicting our country. In order to do that, we must not blow issues out of proportion because "if we amplify everything, we hear nothing."

What was most striking about the rally, however, was its incredible political AND entertainment draw. Many of our own staff members attended; and one of us even heard of an FYS professor taking his class. And all of them seem to agree: from the comedy to the musical performances, the rally was nothing short of a good, political show.

Clearly, this past week has been highly politically charged in light of the recent election. But we have to be honest, we know not all college students made it a point to get out and vote. As much as we all want to be involved, sometimes it's just lack of knowledge about political platforms that deters students from the polls. Sure, we're all busy, but it can never hurt to keep informed. Maybe more frequent combinations of politics and entertainment like Stewart's rally could help disinterested or busy students to get informed, get involved, and cast their vote.



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The art of terror



Current Events

VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

With Art Spiegelman's visit drawing near, it is important that we address the following controversy: what is art in conversation with catastrophe? A mass literary commentary erupted post 9/11, which led to a dramatic controversy in the artistic world: is it possible to view the most horrific terrorist attack on American soil as a work of art? Karlheinz Stockhausen, a well known German composer, responded to 9/11 in an extremely contentious manner, claiming,

"what happened here is- now you must readjust your brain- the biggest artwork of all times. That spirits achieve in a single act what we in music cannot dream of, that people rehearse ten years long like mad, totally fanatical for a concert and then die. This is the biggest artwork that exists at all in the whole universe... I couldn't match it. Against that, we- as composers- are nothing." Stockhausen may as well have said that all artists and their artwork are nothing compared to the catastrophic events of 9/11. While he may have a valid point that the terrorist attacks dramatically affected more people in an instant than any work of art could imagine to do, he confuses and crosses the line between art and mass murder. If a terrorist's aim is to defamiliarize the familiar and, in essence, create a reality that is unstable, then an artist's aim is to transform and therefore persuade and affect the viewers' conscious minds, not to invoke fear and instability leading to the worst attack in our nation's history. Anyone who strives to meet or surpass this type of 'artistic' integrity needs to, as Tommasini put it, "be confined to a psychiatric clinic."

The idea that actions must take the place of unheard words has been an ongoing and prominent struggle. Radical groups feel as though they must act violently in order to get their voices heard,

which seems to be the case throughout history, and is still very much a belief today. It can be seen in the current fight between the Israelis and Palestinians, the historic fall of the Berlin Wall, or even in our own country's history in Birmingham, Alabama or the well-known Unabomber Manifesto.

Over 20 years, Theodore Kaczynski (the Unabomber) bombed mailboxes in an effort to be heard, claiming, "to make an impression on society with words is... almost impossible for most individuals and small groups. Take us, for example. If we had never done anything violent and had submitted the present writings to a publisher, they probably

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would not have been accepted. If they had been accepted and published, they probably would not have attracted many readers, because it's more fun to watch the entertainment put out by the media than to read a sober essay... In order to get our message before the public with some chance of making a lasting impression, we've had to kill people." According to Kaczynski, people must be killed in order for their voice to be heard. Is

that a comment on our over-saturated media-engulfed society, or rather the egomaniac psychologically unstable hyper extremists that find terrorism necessary?

Let's turn to the most recent terrorist acts, thankfully interrupted this past week: the UPS package bombs. Intelligence believes these explosives, bound for Chicago, were meant to explode during their in air flight. Of course Stockhausen would argue this an art, and Kaczynski a necessary way to spread a message, but what exactly would have been the message? That the United States is vulnerable? That extremists are still thriving and still very much

a threat? This attempted attack did not bring with it a message other than premeditated terror. There is no manifesto attached, no message for the 'greater good,' just unadulterated hatred geared toward the American people. How could this act of terror be seen as anything other than an outright attack on our livelihood? Affecting people, sure, but not in a constructive

"The personal is political"



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
Op/Ed Columnist

The season has come to its full turn; the campaign signs are beginning to fall and the leaflets colored red, white, and blue are being swept off the polling center grounds like foliage after the rain. I speak, of course, of the "political" season. It is a season of automated phone calls, ranting activists, and yards painted with the repetitious placards bearing names that most of us have never even heard. Chances are you can relate to the shared sentiments of relief as the "political season" comes to an end and your everyday life can resume, uninterrupted, and completely yours. For the most part, we cherish the separation between our private lives and the relentless bickering that occurs on the legislative floor. Unfortunately, it is that mentality that is crippling our strivings toward progress. The personal is always political and absolutely must be viewed as such.

In saying that "the personal is political," I am defining "political" not as the pedantries of our bureaucratic legislative system or the voting record of our gov-

ernmental representatives. Alternatively, I am referring to the game of power and status that we inevitably play in each and every one of our actions. In doing so, I am constructing a lens through which we can see our world. This lens is purposed to critically analyze how different forms of power constitute in our identities and consequently inform at least some portion of our every actions. Inherent in this argument is the partial deconstruction of the fashionable assumption of free will – an unbelievably important conversation in and of itself that I must save for another commentary.

The popularization of the phrase "the personal is political" emerged out of the struggle to defend the consciousness raisings of the Women's Liberation Movement in the late 1960s. Coined by Carol Hanisch and her editors, the phrase has become a rally cry of feminists and radicals demanding an increased level of awareness of the relationship between the individual and society. Although the author did not mean for her message to be manifested as the assumption that every action we take is political, her arguments specifically around the politics of "personal therapy" and consciousness raisings have served as a launching point for such radical conclusions.

Let us begin by demonstrating the unseen effects of our most mundane actions on society. Each day, as residents of the College, we wake up and fall out of beds, a privilege that millions around the world can only dream of doing. We usually follow this by dragging our lethargic bodies to the bathroom where we start our "morning routine." Some of us attempt to be socially conscious by brushing our teeth with Natural Tom's of Maine (which is owned by Colgate) while others simply purchase the cheapest toothpaste from Walmart, who do not offer domestic partner benefits except in locations required by law and

refuse to carry any LGBT books in their stores (except, of course, for one "ex-gay" children's book). Some of us wear clothing from Target, which gave campaign donations to an anti-gay gubernatorial candidate of Minnesota, while others can afford to buy "Legalize Gay" shirts, reinforcing the male-centrism of the LGBT rights movement. I don't think that I even have to reach breakfast to demonstrate that where we buy things affects power disparities between identity groups.

Clearly, not everything is a capitalist venture in our lives. Love, although ostensibly pure and uncontaminated by politics, is soaked in heterosexist norms that marginalize countercultures and define masculinity and femininity in terms of domination and obedience. We code these problematic genders in the clothes we wear, interests that we pursue, and the groups that we join.

As the late sociologist Pierre Bourdieu suggested in *Distinction: A Social Critique of the Judgment of Taste*, our preferences are not only a reflection of our gender, but also our class or social position. Whether it is our understanding of "correct" English grammar and spelling or the newest fad in hairstyles among white, college-aged, Americans, our sense of aesthetics act as the ideal weapons in

strategies of distinction because we incorporate them into our everyday lives as the means of affirming our class. For example, wearing Uggs reflects less of one's sense of foot-comfort and more of one's desire to look fashionable. These boots, that boast prices tantamount to a month's pay for a garment worker in El Progresso, Honduras, code for wealth, power, and the knowledge of Western fashion. Fashion, that is, the social code of the dominating class, is fueled entirely on our participation and adherence.

From the way we dress up our bodies to the way we dress up our language, our personal actions and preferences are inextricably linked with a macrocosmic structure of power and inequality. Many of us at the College are privileged with the choice of whether or not to look through this lens onto a seemingly disconcerting world. Most of us can go through our days without worrying about how the food we eat from our dining halls keeps people in our community in poverty. But that is our privilege, not our right.

To not attempt to become more aware of the unintended consequences of our actions on the greater social climate is to indirectly support the status quo. In order to truly engender change, we must come to terms with the reality that we are all political.

Target, which gave campaign donations to an anti-gay gubernatorial candidate of Minnesota

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manner. Art should transform ideas and challenge predispositions, not be an act claiming to do so. The terrorist attacks of 9/11 took the lives of thousands of people, murdering innocent people to prove what? The power of the extremists? This is not art, and by arguing that attacks like this one are, Stockhausen expands the boundaries of art to a forbidden realm that side-steps reality.

But what about art that was and still is being produced in response to 9/11? How are we as society meant to digest artistic endeavors that are in conversation with the most horrific attacks ever on American soil? Immediate journalistic efforts were scorned for their insensitivities, and likewise documentaries were regarded as media attempts for financial benefit. Literary novelists began producing fictional commentaries, for example Don DeLillo's *Falling Man* or Joyce Carol Oates' *The Mutants*, as other artists like Art Spiegelman introduced visual representations of the events, which all came under heavy fire for their work.

There is something destabilizing about art that attempts to contextualize an event so catastrophic. "The word is a bomb," a phrase coined in Walter Abish's *How German Is It*, and I would argue that this is the case inasmuch that a word can destroy experience if it attempts to speak accurately for abstract and multi-dimensional situations where there are no words to describe. Of course it is possible to try and put words to the emotional response and the cataclysmic effect of 9/11, but there is not a single word, action, or art piece that would ever be able to sufficiently translate the experience into a digestible medium for society. Attempting to do so destroys the event itself and the magnitude of its anonymity. Artists try to take the event and contextualize their own experience through their work, forcing a lens over the scope of the viewer's eye, narrowing their sight.

While artists will never stop trying to translate the world around them, they have failed in response to 9/11, only further complicating the conversation between art and catastrophic contextualization.

WinCash contest a success on campus

By RACHEL ALBERT
NEWS WRITER


Throughout October, the College Senior Year Experience hosted the WinCash financial literacy question-of-the-day contest, with a \$500 total cash giveaway. Open to all Muhlenberg students, the questions appeared daily in the 'Berg Bulletin e-mails, which linked directly to the Senior Year Experience website, where the answers could be submitted. Each day a student participated, his or her name was entered into the raffle to win one of the \$100 class year cash prizes. Those who participated each day and answered every question correctly had their names entered into a separate raffle for a chance to win a separate \$100 cash prize.

The WinCash Contest winners for each class year are Christy Alvord '11, Margaret Vallone '12, Amber Elchert '13, and Elizabeth Morash '14. The top responder is Karissa McCarthy '12.

While many people may think the Senior Year Experience only works with seniors, the department serves to educate the entire student body so that the transition from senior year to life beyond Muhlenberg is easier overall. Knowledge of how to handle money is important for anyone to know, at any age, so the contest was created to provide the entire student body with helpful financial advice, relevant to any college student's life. The questions that appeared each day were created from information found on the website, www.cashcourse.org/muhlenberg. Since the spring of 2008, the College has had access to this free, online, financial resource for colleges that is funded by the National Endowment for Financial Education. To increase financial literacy among students, CashCourse offers grants to its participating schools so they can host programs or events on campus. After applying for a grant and proposing the contest idea in the application, the Senior Year Experience was approved.

For more information about the Senior Year Experience, or to view any of the questions and answers from the contest, visit <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/campuslife/sye>. For more information specifically about CashCourse, please visit www.cashcourse.org/muhlenberg.

The Senior Year Experience coordinates opportunities for students to reflect upon their education in ways that will build lifelong learners, aware of themselves and the world around them. It is the culmination of undergraduate education, inside and outside the classroom, and helps increase student confidence during the transition to the world of work, additional formal education, and citizenship.



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Science poster session draws a crowd

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Fri., Oct. 29, Muhlenberg science students filled Moyer Forum for the annual Science Research Poster Session. The poster session is held each fall as an outlet for students to present the results of their summer work. This year, the session was co-sponsored by the individual science departments and the Center for Ethics. 40 different projects were presented by students of various years, followed by a Q + A session with five of the students who talked about the process of "doing" science.

The five students who participated in the question and answer session were Caitlin Norcross '11, Josh Cohen '11, Tara Tappen '11, Amanda Meier '13, and Scott Kanner, '12. These students represented a range of science majors, from Neuroscience to Chemistry and Biology. After an introduction by Dr. Bruce Wightman, director of the Center for Ethics program, the panel of students provided their answers to three questions.

First, the students were asked about their perceptions of scientific research before they began their own work, and how those perceptions have changed. All five of them were in agreement that there were a lot of things in their research that they hadn't expected. The value of patience in science is incredible, many of them expressed, as science can be very unpredictable. As Tara Tappen put it, the scientific method is "not always that linear." Realizing that science doesn't have a predictable beginning and end helped her to think about herself differently outside of her research. "Things you may have seen as an end point might actually be a beginning," she said.

The students were then asked what they learned about making assumptions. While each of the students had to deal with assumptions specific to their research, like Josh Cohen's study of animals that required the assumption that animals experience things the same way that humans do, all of the students agreed that they face a confirmation bias of success. "You want [your research] to lead to something, and no matter how much you try to dehumanize it, your confirmation bias will come through," remarked Scott Kanner. One of the challenges of scientific research is the determination to discover something new. It is important to try to overcome the assumption that all research will end with enlightening results.

"How can you actually know when something is true?" This final question led to a variety of responses from the panel. Caitlin Norcross expressed a firm belief in a system of checks and balances, suggesting a need for double checks. Amanda Meier put this question into perspective by asking the audience to remember their science textbooks. Everything in a textbook is taken for granted as fact, even though there is never one-hundred percent certainty. After a decent amount of repetitive studies, however, we can be relatively sure in the data.

Although there will always be noise that effects the outcome of studies like the ones these students conducted, their results still contribute to our body of scientific knowledge. It is because of these accomplishments that students and faculty come out every year to honor these determined students and their months of research.

Sudoku

Answers from last week's issue!

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Student Government pairs up with the ASGA

BY LILY CHASE-LUBITZ
CO-NEWS EDITOR

In an effort to improve the effectiveness of their services and representation of the student body, the Student Government Association is working with the American Student Government Association (ASGA) to conduct an independent review of its operation. Mr. Butch Oxendine, the executive director of the ASGA, was on campus Tuesday, October 26 to meet with various stakeholders regarding their perspective on SGA, its methods of doing business, and its present capability to represent the students of the College. 17 individuals were interviewed, including members of the SGA, non-affiliated students, staff and senior administration. Mr. Oxendine will be following up his campus visit with additional phone interviews and a thorough review of the organization's governing documents. Any students who would like to provide input are invited to contact Lee Kolbe. Mr. Oxendine will return to campus in the winter of 2010-11 to share his analysis and to make recommendations for action.

For more than two decades, W.H. "Butch" Oxendine, Jr., Executive Director of the American Student Government Association, has completed researched and written articles on Student Government issues, led workshops at conventions and conferences, and visited campuses nationwide for the past two decade. Oxendine, 47, served as the student body vice president and press secretary at a community college and major state university, and was editor in chief of two campus publications. He founded the statewide leadership magazine Florida Leader in 1983 and launched the national Student Government magazine Student Leader in 1992. He founded and conducts the ongoing "SG Salary Survey", developed the "SG Effectiveness Test", and started the "America's Best Student Web Sites" awards. He has also conducted cutting-edge research on how to improve campus elections through web and e-mail voting. Oxendine has written three leadership books on Student Government issues, including "So You Want to Be President...How to Get Elected on Your Campus", "Poster Secrets: How & Where to Hang Flyers On Your Campus," and "Inspiration for Student Leaders," and also has contributed to several other books, including writing the forward for "Young Leader." From 1992 until 2007, his company Oxendine Publishing published the nationally respected magazine Student Leader, which was widely read at 1,400 institutions across America. He also published the statewide magazine Florida Leader, with editions for college and high school students, for 22 years. Butch founded the prestigious annual "Florida College Student of the Year Awards" in 1987 and in 1989 founded the annual "Best of Florida Schools Awards".

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
High: 52 Low: 33	High: 45 Low: 27	High: 49 Low: 32

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 25 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – In Taylor Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to a door. Damage was done to the lock and doorjamb. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 25 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a found prescription. The owner was notified and picked up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 25 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In East Hall, D Block, third floor, there was a report of a smell of marijuana. Upon arrival, Campus Safety officers entered the room and found drug paraphernalia. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 25 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In Seegers Union parking lot, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident involving a College vehicle. Damage was done to the rear taillight.

Oct. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 26 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the 26th and Chew Sts. parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle, which resulted on scratches to the door. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 26 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of vandalism to artwork. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 26 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there

was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 26 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost room key. Residential Services were notified.

Oct. 26 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication via the Internet. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 27 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Life Sports Center, locker rooms, there was a report of vandalism to a door. The door appears to have been kicked causing damage to the louvers. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 27 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 27 – Sick Student – At 2216 Chew St., there was a report of a sick student. Health Services requested to respond.

Oct. 27 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – In East Hall, B Block, second floor, there was a report of a noise complaint due to loud music and possible alcohol consumption. Upon arrival, Campus Safety officers found no alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 28 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to artwork. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 28 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 28 – Suspicious Activity – In Trexler Library, there was a report of an individual viewing pornographic material on a computer. The individual was identified and will be sent a letter of no trespass.

Oct. 28 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Allentown Police Department arrested the student for Underage Consumption.

Oct. 29 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Allentown Police Department arrested the student for Underage Consumption.

Oct. 29 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of a found backpack. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 29 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of a found student ID card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 29 – Freshman With Auto – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of a freshman with an automobile. The individual was identified and was advised of the policy of freshman having vehicles on campus. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 29 – Assault (Aggravated Injury) – Off campus, there was a report of an assault that occurred at Main Gate in Allentown. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 29 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost jacket.

Oct. 29 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the 23rd and Gordon Sts. parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. The window was broken out and a GPS unit was taken from the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time. Students are reminded to keep all valuables out of plain view in their vehicles.

Oct. 30 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. Allentown Police Department arrested the student for Underage Consumption.

Oct. 30 – Sick Student – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 30 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 30 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found wallet. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 30 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was notified and picked up the phone at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 30 – Found Property – In Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found cell phone. The phone was returned to the owner.

Oct. 30 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of disorderly conduct and underage drinking. The student was identified and spoken to. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 31 – Injured Student – On Chew St., there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety office transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 31 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Oct. 31 – Injured Student – In the football stadium, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified. A friend of the student transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 31 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of found gift cards. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

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Life!

"The energy of the mind is the essence of life."

- Aristotle

So why the bow-tie?

An investigation into 'Berg Traditions

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Every college has its traditions. Some of them are classy and well-appreciated, like the incoming freshman signing of the President's book. Some of them are inside jokes among the students, like our influx of daring squirrels. But some of them are simply accepted as fact. That is, until you take a second look.



President Helm is known on campus for his bow-ties

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is distributed to incoming freshman every year. Rumor has it students weren't too thrilled with being known as the cardinals.

As told by Mike Bruckner, the transition to the Mule was a pretty simple one. The story goes that local sportswriters started shortening "Muhlenberg" to the team nickname "Mules" in their articles. After that, the name just stuck.

But the mystery behind the Mule was one of the easiest traditions to solve. One that has stumped students and professors alike is the baffling task of interpreting Muhlenberg sculpture:

What is Victor's Lament actually supposed to be?

We've all heard the rumors. And we've all probably come up with our own interpretations. As it turns out, students aren't the only ones who've been stumped by the giant mass of red metal in the middle of our campus. Professor Sue Jansen of the



Victor's Lament has puzzled students and faculty for years

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Media & Communication Department, remembers hearing that it was some kind of animal, perhaps a deer or an elk, before it was painted red "sometime in the early nineties."

Through a series of interviews and some serious investigative journalism, I set out to determine the answers to some of the most interesting, rumor-filled questions of all. First and Foremost:

Why is the Mascot a Mule?

The answer to this question seems impossibly simple: Mules... MUhlenberg. But our mascot hasn't always been the ass. It used to be even less threatening - a bird.

Our mascot was the cardinal for a long time before it was changed to the Mule. In fact, there is still a picture of a Muhlenberg baseball player with a cardinal emblem on his uniform in the College history booklet that

is now known for a sculpture on the front lawn of the Smithsonian as well as pieces in the Ground Zero Memorial.

Despite DiSuvero's desire to keep his sculpture abstract, rumor has it that Victor's Lament is either a Civil War or Vietnam War memorial. According to Provost John Ramsay, it is an abstract depiction of an American GI "carrying a buddy out of the jungle." Mike Bruckner confirmed the soldier suspicions, although he admitted that this is "not in any description I have ever seen, but I have heard it that many times."

The closest we come to confirming this theory is a quote from Monroe Denton's contribution to the 1979 College installation booklet.

He stated, "Victor's Lament is undeniably tense. Two massive figures appear to fall on one another, with only a small piece to separate them..." Kathy Burke of the Martin Art Gallery believes that over time, a Civil War narrative may have developed from this quote.

We can't really know for sure, but it seems safe to say that Victor's Lament is a depiction of soldiers, from one war or another. Although we should still keep in mind President Helm's personal interpretation of the sculpture: that it represents a failed attempt to tie steel beams into a bow-tie like structure.

And speaking of bow-ties:

Why does President Helm always wear a bow-tie?

Think about it, you've never seen him without one. Our College president is bow-tie clad everywhere from speeches and opening ceremonies to eighty-degree football games and while walking his dog. I had to wonder why.

Prior to asking the source himself, I received a few possible explanations. Professor Jansen suggested that it might be a Yale thing. "I've known several people who attended Yale who continue to wear bow-ties," she said. President Helm, a 1970 graduate of Yale University, could be keeping up an alumni tradition.

Provost Ramsay had another idea: the bow-tie may be "something of a college president thing." Our Provost cited Gordon Gee, a man who has been President of multiple colleges, including Ohio State, twice. Gee was known for always wearing a bow-tie, and understandably so. Who else on a college campus would wear a bow-tie but the President? President Helm could simply be keeping up the tradition of getting recognized on campus.

The ultimate answer, I figured, would come from our President himself. When I asked President Helm the provoking question, his response said it all: "This relates to how I was chosen as President of the College... They had proposed a series of challenges that candidates had to meet. One of these involved pulling a sword from a stone; another required me to kill a dragon; and a third involved solving a riddle having something to do with squirrels, falafel, and bottled water. When I had successfully met these three challenges... a beautiful lady appeared from [Lake Muhlenberg] and knotted a bow tie around my neck. I have been wearing bow ties ever since."

Ok, I guess it didn't quite say it all. Alas, the bow-tie will remain a mystery.



Our College mascot hasn't always been the mule!

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A Political Halloween

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

This past Halloween, the College was visited by PCN, the Pennsylvania Cable Network as part of their "On the Road" series. PCN has traveled around the country to visit an eclectic group of colleges, where students and residents alike discuss their views on the upcoming midterm election. I was fortunate enough to be in the audience of the program. Along with Political Science professor Dr. Chris Borick and other students, I was able to ask questions and voice my opinion.

PCN is Pennsylvania's C-SPAN channel, specializing in government and politics in Pennsylvania. When I arrived at the Hoffman House, where the show was taped live, I was seated in a room full of Allentown residents and government candidates. The interviewer, Kat Prickett, explained that we would be encouraged to ask questions and express our concerns and ideas about the government and the election. While I was nervous to be on live TV without any real prior preparation, it was a comfort to know that I wasn't alone. Students from all years were seated beside me. At exactly 9:00 p.m., the show started with Prickett asking various questions, for example, like what our political views are and what political party we identify most with. From there, the questions kept coming, and the group of panelists was swiftly answering them. The panelists included Dr. Borick, Independent Jake Towne and Democrat U. S. House of Representative candidate John Callahan. A main topic brought



Panelists answering questions at the Hoffman House.

PHOTO BY KAICHEN YANG

up was the economic recession and unemployment rate. Many questioned what the government is actually doing to help the economy improve. Callahan stated that, if elected, he would implement his Five Point Jobs Plan. Borick shared important facts and polling information that provided viewers with the public's opinion.

The hour-long show covered many important issues that must be dealt with in the coming years. The War in Iraq and Afghanistan, the health care reform debate and the energy crisis are all issues that are important to Americans. The show allowed Allentown citizens, as well as College students to voice their opinion and be heard. Being on the show reminded me of how important it is to be informed about current issues. Even if you do not agree with politics, it is important to know what your government is doing and how you can impact it. In the midterm election, every vote counts. Whether you are from this state or not, get out and vote to make a difference.

If you missed the live show Sunday night, visit <http://www.pcnpv.com/pcnpl>



Kat Prickett opening the PCN special.

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What's happening on Family Weekend!

Friday, Nov. 5

- 1) 8 p.m. *The Pajama Game* at Empie Theatre in the Trexler Pavillion
- 2) 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Free photo snow globes and pucker powder at Seegers Union
- 3) 12 a.m. - 3 a.m. Late night at the GQ

Saturday, Nov. 6

- 1) 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Class of 2011 auction at Seegers Union
- 2) 11:30-1:30 p.m. Family luncheon at the Life Sports Center
- 3) 1 p.m. Football: Muhlenberg vs Ursinus
- 4) 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. *The Pajama Game* at Empie Theatre in the Trexler Pavillion

Sunday, Nov. 7

- 1) 2 p.m. *The Pajama Game* at Empie Theatre in the Trexler Pavillion

Thanksgiving 2010
Residential Services

Thanksgiving Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on November 28th at 10:00 a.m.
(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with **written** permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays, including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, November 15th. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call Residential Services at x3180.

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Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:40

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Fri. 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 6:50

Life As We Know It

Fri. 4:40, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 1:50, 4:40, 7:50

Hereafter

Fri. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 8:00

Saw VII

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Social Network

Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 12:50, 4:20, 7:00

Rules are meant to be broken

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

There are some funny rules in sports. Thankfully, over time many of them have been changed. For example, someone finally figured it'd be a good idea to cut a hole in the original peach baskets used in basketball so the ball would drop to the floor and the game could proceed. Believe it or not, there was a point when actual baskets were used, and someone had to climb a ladder to remove the ball out of the basket in order for the game to continue. There are a lot of obvious weird rules out there: the Tuck rule in the NFL, the dropped third strike rule in baseball, the down without contact rule in NCAA football, and millions of bizarre rules in golf. They are so odd and confusing that I can't even try to understand or explain them. The NFL seemingly specializes in these unexplainable rules.

A rule that doesn't seem to make any sense is the penalties for team celebrations. It is a team game right? Did Chad Ochocinco score the touchdown by himself or did Carson Palmer throw it to him and the linemen, fullback, and tight end block for everyone? It doesn't seem right that the linemen can't celebrate together. I just can't understand why there would be a rule against this. Is it too mean?

Football is a sport played by large men who collide with great force and momentum. Are the officials worried about hurting the feelings of players who get scored on and have to watch the other team do a team dance? It is confusing why individual players can do the worm but the team can't unite for a joint high-five.

Also, in football, the ground can't cause a fumble. Well, sometimes. If you are getting tackled by someone and you hit the ground and the ball comes out, that is not a fumble. In that case, the ground cannot cause a fumble. But if you fall on your own and hit the ground, the ball comes out, that is a fumble. In that case, the ground can cause a fumble. Why? Either the ground can cause or fumble or it can't. These rules are too wishy washy.

This "Touchdown Reception Process" rule brings us to another variation of the ground-causing-a-fumble dilemma. Many people saw Calvin Johnson of the Detroit Lions score a touchdown in the season opener against the Chicago Bears that would have likely won them the game. However, it was not ruled a touchdown because after he "caught" it and fell to the ground, he used the ball in his hand to help him get off the ground. The ball came out of his hand and it was ruled no catch. The rule says, "If a player goes to the ground in the act of catching a pass (with or without contact by an opponent), he must maintain control of the ball after he touches the ground, whether in the field of play or the end zone. If he loses control of the ball, and the ball touches the ground before he regains control, the pass is incomplete." So in this case, regardless if you are touched by an opponent or not, the ground can cause a fumble, or incomplete pass.

Intentional grounding is also a rule that doesn't make much sense in football. If the quarterback is out of the tackle box or the pocket, then he can throw the ball wherever he wants. But if he is still in the pocket and he throws the ball where no eligible receiver is located, he is penalized. The rule is designed to penalize a quarterback when he tries to avoid a sack by just chucking the ball away. You can toss the ball away to avoid a sack if you are near the sideline, but not in the pocket. Once again, another arbitrary and odd rule.

The touchback rule is also one that may have you scratching your head. If a player fumbles the ball out of bounds, his team will get the ball back at the point where the fumble occurred. So there is no harm or foul. You fumble, it goes out of bounds, you retain possession and there is no penalty. But if you fumble the ball before you are about to score a touchdown and the ball goes out of bounds in the end zone, there is a touchback. This means you lose possession of the ball and the opponent now gets the ball at the 20 yard line. If you fumble at the 50 yard line, you get it right back at the 50 yard line. But if the team drives all the way down the field and you fumble right before you're about to score, well, too bad. You lose the ball, you don't get it back where you fumbled, and the other team gets the ball. Why do you get punished more if you fumble into the end zone than if you do anywhere else on the field? I understand if a fumble is recovered in the end zone by the defense then it is a touchback and they should get the ball, but why are they punished if the ball just goes out of bounds into the end zone?

Finally, calling a timeout before a kicker goes to attempt a potential game winning/tying kick is a crazy rule. A coach should be able to call a timeout to try and "ice" the kicker, to make him nervous and perhaps psyche himself out before attempting the kick. But recently coaches have started calling timeouts a millisecond before the ball is snapped and the kicker kicks it and the whole stadium reacts thinking they either just won or lost the game. However, to everyone's surprise they are just going to have to be re-kicked. Kickers already have it bad enough, do we really have to watch them be tortured further?

The NFL will fine players thousands of dollars if they don't have on the exact dress code the league mandates. If they voice their displeasure of a referee's call in a postgame interview, that player will also likely be fined. The ground may or may not cause a fumble depending on what caused you to hit the ground. A fumble out of bounds is totally fine, as long as it doesn't happen a second before you're about to score a touchdown.

A lot that happens in the NFL doesn't make sense. Just because it has been that way for a while doesn't mean it shouldn't be changed. Someone eventually has to cut a hole in the peach basket.

Why everyone hates LeBron James

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
SPORTS WRITER

To answer the question of why everyone hates LeBron James one must first look back at the infamous "Decision" and the consequent backlash against "The Chosen One". That one hour television display, under the guise of a charity event for The Boys and Girls Club of America, was labeled as blatant narcissism and immediately made LeBron James public sports enemy number one. One can understand that leaving one's hometown team and then flaunting that he is taking his talents to South Beach on national television could upset Cleveland fans irreparably, but why does everyone outside of South Beach want to jump on the "I hate LeBron (and the Heat)" bandwagon?

One reason for this was the callous, egotistical interview, the other is the joining of three superstars, two of them (James and Dwyane Wade) are arguably two of the top four players in the NBA. This planned alliance of James, Wade, and Chris Bosh has made the Heat the most overall talented, if not, then the best team in the NBA. During their celebratory introduction in front of Heat fans at their arena, when asked about winning not just a championship but championships James chimed in saying, "Not 2, not 3, not 4, not 5, not 6, not 7...". This unprecedented introduction (normally a press conference) sent a message of arrogance and accomplishment to the rest of the league before they had even stepped on the court together.

The Las Vegas odds favor the Heat to win the NBA championship, but this also puts a target of animosity on their backs. People love to hate the band wagon favorites or America's so-called favorite team: the New York Yankees in baseball, the Dallas Cowboys in football, and the Los Angeles Lakers in basketball. Now the Heat is the most hated team in basketball because some consider them to have an unfair advantage.

In the Heat's first game against the Celtics, there was nothing unfair about the way the Celtics played. The Celtics crowd gave the Heat a warm reception with a friendly chorus of boos and an "over-rated" chant during the game, reserved especially for James. The difference between the teams was that the well-established veteran team is used to playing in big games, and a Heat team looked overall nervous and dysfunctional on offense. This was evident by some bricked free throws attempted by James and Wade, timid plays on both sides of the ball from Bosh, and the entire team shooting merely a 36.5% from the field. To be clear, this is not a time to jump ship, just a reminder that this is a team that will have to get used to working together offensively and will have to find a way for James and Wade to coexist on the court together.

It did not take too long to find a bit of rhythm, as the Heat won their next game at the Philadelphia 76ers and then blew out a good Orlando Magic team in their home opener. Through great team defense, a scoring explosion from Wade, and a balanced attack of scoring and passing from LeBron, the Heat have showed their detractors that they are a very good team that is all business when they step on to the court.

Will this truly good team soon be a fan favorite or will people still hate LeBron and the Heat for their past transgressions? Speaking of James's transgressions, is it really fair to hate on him for the choices he has made? Objectively speaking, yes, "The Decision" was narcissistic and a mistake. Yes, parading the big three in front of Heat fans sent a negative message to everyone, except for the Heat. Yet, is it fair to hate a 25 year old for wanting to live in Miami, play basketball with his friends, and give himself the best possible chance to win multiple NBA championships. LeBron has been a class act throughout his time in the league and is truly a great player and a great competitor. Should a few mistakes tarnish what will be a historic NBA career?

This leads us to discuss LeBron's legacy. LeBron has a list of accomplishments that already puts him in a category with some of the best individual players of all time, but by teaming up with two of the premier players in the league this effectively changes our perspective of James as wanting to be "the guy" on a team. James could have gone to Chicago, New York, New Jersey, or stayed in Cleveland and would have been "the guy", but he made what he thought was the best decision for himself. James may never be a Michael Jordan or Kobe Bryant "the guy" type, but to denigrate LeBron for a few choice mistakes is misguided and has only been fueled by the media's incessant examination of James's every move. Haters beware. If the public and the media's condemnation of James and the Heat's first three games tell us anything about the future it's this: LeBron James is on a mission and he has the game to back it up.

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Flag Football wraps up as champions are crowned



Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

This past Sunday was the final day of Intramural Flag Football. The day began with only eight teams remaining in the league and the feeling that we were in for a great day of playoff football. Although there were eight teams left, the league seemed to be very top heavy. It seemed one of the top four teams would win the championship for sure.

This proved to be true as the top four seeds advanced to the semifinals. The first semifinal game was Project Badass against Team LAX. This game turned out to be one of the best of the year, as both teams battled back and forth in hopes of a shot at the championship. Team LAX was led by strong play by Juniors Corey Aferiat and Clint Watkins. Aferiat was even responsible for the play of the year. He picked up a loose fumble and as he was sprinting for the end zone pulled his hamstring. The pulled hamstring did not stop Aferiat from limping around the field until one of his teammates came up and he pitched them the ball for a touchdown.

LAX's strong efforts could not pull out the victory against the number one seeded Project Badass though. PB came into the season with a few new acquisitions and everyone of them did their part to pull them to the championship.

The second semi-final game was Team WRE against Team Ramrod, who were favorites to win the league. Ramrod scored on the opening play of the game and it looked as if their run of dominance over the past few years would continue but as the game continued things definitely changed. Team Ramrod could not find a way to slow down Junior Mike Kellum and he disrupted absolutely everything Ramrod planned to do on offense. Ramrod was unable to get the offense together

and struggled to put up points the entire game. Team WRE played a controlled offense and held the ball for most of the game. WRE executed their game plan perfectly and earned themselves a spot in the championship game. They seemed to be in for some trouble though as Kellum went down with a hurt ankle on one of the final plays of the game.

The championship was set. Team WRE vs. Project Badass. Kellum showed up to the game, but clearly was not able to perform at a level as high as we had been accustomed to him doing. Project Badass proved to be way too much for Team WRE to handle without Kellum and they pulled away with a convincing victory. They were led by amazing play by Junior Alex Ardolino. They also saw Seniors Joe DeCicilia and Adam Scarzafava put aside their differences and work together for the common goal of winning the IM T-Shirt.

Now that the season has ended it is time for the yearly awards. There was a lot of chatter about who would win the MVP award this season and we say many different views throughout the weeks. Over the past few weeks and throughout the playoffs it seemed there was one player who emerged as a dominating factor on the field. That player, and the winner of the 2010 MVP award, is Alex Ardolino. First Team Offense is Juniors Alex Ardolino, Clint Watkins, and Seniors Joe Mulvihill, Adam Scarzafava, Oliver Baron, Bill Sholly, and Josh Willig. First Team Defense is Juniors Corey Aferiat, Justin Greenstone, Glenn Terry, Mike Kellum, Nick Busillo, and Seniors Sam Koch and Seth Hershman.

In response to last week's "Shape Up 'Berg" article: The intramural committee would like to take this time to express their feelings about what was said in the Shape Up 'Berg article. First we would like to say that we do not feel that women's intramural sports have been hurting due to a lack of organization, but more a lack of participation. The people in charge have done everything for the women that they have for the men, it just seems the women are less interested in participating than the men. Female participants were told they would be able to play outdoors if enough people showed up on a weekly basis and that has not happened, so soccer has continued to be played indoors. Also, for anyone who feels that program should not be run completely by men, for whatever reason, they can definitely contact us and become involved with the running of the women's program. In fact, getting involved is strongly suggested as it is the only way to guarantee that the IM Sports at 'Berg represent what the current students want.

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Sat. Nov. 6

Ursinus 1:00

Sat. Nov. 13

@ Moravian, 1:00

WRESTLING

Sat. Nov. 6

Monarch Invitational (King's), 11:00



MEN'S SOCCER

Wed. Nov. 3 CC Playoffs

Gettysburg @ Johns Hopkins

Sat. Nov. 6 CC Playoffs

Gettysburg @ Swarthmore

Mules vs F&M 3:00

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Terrence Dandridge carries Mules once again

By BEN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

Sophomore Running Back Terrence Dandridge is a beast. Saturday, at Dickinson (2-6, 2-5), Dandridge ran for 191 yards and 3 touchdowns in a Muhlenberg football (6-2, 6-1) win. The Mules won the game 26-13, putting themselves back in a tie for first thanks to an Ursinus (7-1, 6-1) loss.

The Dickinson Red Devils started the game from their 11-yard line and made it all the way to the Mules' 5-yard line, but a delay of game backed them up 5 yards on fourth down, which was too much for the Red Devils' kicker who missed the field goal wide right.

On the ensuing drive, the Mules were unable to get outside of their 25, and were forced to punt the ball, which only went 14 yards to the Muhlenberg 38. The Red Devils made it into the Muhlenberg red zone again, but the Mules stopped the threat with an interception by Junior Safety Kevin Ryan on the Muhlenberg 3.

The Mules were, once again, unable to get outside of their own 25 and ended up punting the ball to the Dickinson 44. Again the Red Devils made their way to within the Muhlenberg 5. This time, however, the Red Devils were able to put 6 on the scoreboard with a 1 yard quarterback sneak in the opening minutes of the second quarter. After the kick was good, the Mules were down 7-0.

The Mules answered in midway through the quarter. Muhlenberg started the drive with good field position next to the "M" at midfield. The Mules' drive was assisted by a 16-yard penalty on Dickinson. Dandridge finished the drive with a 20-yard run for the touchdown. Senior Kicker Michael Katz's kick was good and the score was tied at 7.

On the kickoff, Coach Mike Donnelly tried to catch Dickinson off guard. Katz

tried an on-side kick, which was recovered by Junior Matt Musick. The Mules made it to the Dickinson 5-yard line, thanks in large part to a 25-yard completion from Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan to Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn. The Mules were unable to put it in the end zone, so they settled for a 22-yard field goal by Katz, which was good. Dickinson knelt after the kickoff, sending the Mules into the locker room up 10-7.

Four minutes into the second half, the Mule received the punt on their 47 yard line. Deighan hit Junior Tight End Steve Liparini for 15 yards on second down. Then, one first down later, Dandridge rushed for 15 yards to the 20. Deighan then scrambled for 16 yards. Dandridge punched it in on his second attempt. After the kick, Muhlenberg lead 17-7.

In the opening seconds of the 4th quarter, the Mules scored again on a 32-yard field goal from Katz. On the Mules' ensuing possession, Deighan's pass was picked off on the 32, giving the Red Devils outstanding field position. And, Dickinson capitalized. However, the point after was blocked by Musick, keeping the Mules up by 7.

Muhlenberg took over at its own 35 with 4:14 left on the clock. On third-and-3 at the Dickinson 48 with less than a minute to play, the Mules just needed the first down, but Dandridge scooted to the outside, rushing for a career-best 48 yards and his third touchdown of the game.

The defense was led by Senior Linebacker Patrick McDonough with 13 total tackles, one-and-a-half for a loss.

The Mules next game is the biggest of the season. Next Saturday, the Mules will take on Ursinus (7-1, 6-1) in the game everyone has been waiting for. One team will come out of the game in sole possession of first place.

Randy Moss: an enigma

By JEREMY FUCHS
Sports Writer

Wide Receiver Randy Moss was released Monday by the Minnesota Vikings, just a few weeks after the Vikings acquired him in a trade from the New England Patriots. Moss, who reportedly forced his way out of New England, was released because of his now infamous "I'm not talking to the media."

Instead of talking to the media, he will be conducting the interviews himself, asking and answering his own questions. Moss, who was seen by the Vikings as a locker room cancer, will be placed on waivers. Any team, starting from worst record to best record, has a chance to claim him. If he goes unclaimed, any team, no matter the record, can sign him. Like he has done his whole career, Moss' attitude has gotten in the way of his enormous talent.

There aren't many better than Randy Moss. He's 6-4, 210 pounds and can run faster than most receivers. He commands double teams, and yet, still beats them downfield. At his best, he's almost unstoppable.

The problem with Moss, as it has always been, is that he's not always at his best. When motivated, Moss is unstoppable. Take the 2007 season, for example. Traded to the Patriots after a few disappointing seasons with the Oakland Raiders, Moss had a career season: 98 receptions, 1,493 yards and a mind boggling 23 touchdowns. Numbers like that are good enough for the Hall of Fame.

But Moss does not always put up those numbers, despite his obvious capacity to do so. With Oakland, he scored only 11 touchdowns in his two years, including 3 in one season.

Moss has a "play when he feels like it" attitude. He plays best when he has something to prove. He had something to prove after failing in Oakland. He had something to prove when he was drafted 21st overall in the 1998 NFL draft, something to prove to show that he should not have been the second receiver taken in that draft.

And when he's motivated, it's like watching a masterpiece. He glides downfield, racing past would-be defenders with striking ease. He leaps up higher than we can expect, coming down with seemingly impossible catches. He's the best receiver in the game.

But, as we've realized, he's not often motivated. He doesn't always run downfield as hard as he can. He doesn't always jump as high as he should. Randy Moss should be the best receiver in NFL history.

Instead, he's just an enigma, forcing his way out of 4 teams and counting. He's never happy. Rather than taking that anger out on the field, he takes it out off the field, becoming a distraction for the locker room and his teammates. His behavior can be childish, as evidenced by the fact that he allegedly called ex-teammate Tom Brady 'Justin Bieber' because of Brady's long hair. His behavior can be stupid, as proved by his "not talking

to the media" stance. For Moss, sometimes, the best behavior is just to keep quiet.

Because he has so much talent, Moss will never be out of a job for long. Some team will fall in love with his talent, think they can fix his attitude because of the "veteran" leadership in their locker room and snatch him up. And he'll show flashes of dominance. But, in a few years, or as evidenced by his second go around with the Vikings, in a few weeks, he'll be collecting his things and exiting the building, leaving the team wondering why they spent the time, money and energy on Moss. It wasn't worth it.

It'll never be worth it. Never worth putting up with his prima donna like tendencies. Never worth the gains he makes on the field, or the games he wins you. Because eventually, he'll scorn you. You're better off with lesser receiving core who works hard and wants to be there the entire time that they are under a team's contract.

When Randy Moss finally hangs up his cleats, we should be talking about how great a player he was. How it was a privilege to see him play and make all the amazing grabs he did. How there was no one better. But, we won't. We will be talking about his poor attitude, how he never played up to his ability on a consistent basis and about how he pouted around after things did not go his way. We'll be talking about what could have been. And isn't that a damn shame.

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An "Assassination Vacation" with Sarah Vowell

BY MARISSA BOTTINO
NEWS WRITER

On Wednesday,
November 3rd,
2010, New

York Times' bestselling American author, journalist, and commentator gave an open reading at 7:00 p.m. in the Miller Forum at Muhlenberg College. Earlier that day, Vowell also participated in a question and answer session with the students in the Living Writers course who had just finished reading Vowell's non-fiction book, *Assassination Vacation*.

Sarah Vowell, our "rickety patriot" as she labels herself in *Assassination Vacation*, was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1969. She received a B.A. from Montana State University in 1993 in Modern Languages and Literature. In 1996, Vowell earned an M.A. in Art History at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Sarah Vowell is the author of five non-fiction books on American History and Culture. Her first book, written in 1997, is called *Radio On*. Vowell's two essay collections include *Partly Cloudy Patriot* (2002) and *Take The Cannoli* (2000). The book that students had read to prepare for Vowell's visit, *Assassination Vacation* (2005), includes a historical storytelling of her humorous road trips to tourist sites associated



Sarah Vowell

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with the assassinations of presidents Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley. From *Assassination Vacation*, Vowell, at the podium, read her favorite section about the Oneida utopian sex society. The jerky style in which the book is written, Vowell shared, is based upon feeling and finding the balance between tourism and history, two things that tell audiences about national

character and modern society. Vowell said that she likes to ask herself when visiting sites, particularly Gettysburg, "what can and cannot be learned from visiting historic sites?"

After clearly distinguishing her non-fiction "book" from a "novel" in the Q and A, Sarah Vowell was not sure exactly how to classify her books besides by making sure that they are understood, not as scholarly, "boring" accounts of history, but stories of history retold with "spirits of wit and humor." Vowell's most recent book, *The Wordy Shipmates*, is soon to be followed by her book about 19th century Hawaii, which will come out in the spring of 2011. At the Muhlenberg reading, Vowell read a section of *The Wordy Shipmates* in which she writes about the Puritans, Massachusetts Bay Colony, and John Winthrop's relationship with Calvinism. The Puritans, as members of the same body and community, banished or ostracized anyone who was different or stuck out. Vowell talked about a society so restrictive that "a mother would seek relief in murdering her own offspring" to find release from Calvinism. In this part of the reading,
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Russel Valentini discusses local poverty

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
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Last Tues., Nov. 2, Russell Valentini visited campus to talk to students about homelessness in Allentown. Valentini, who is known as "Rooster," is the Homelessness Educational Liaison in the Allentown School District and also for a portion of Pennsylvania Region 8. He has been in contact with and helping children, families, and professionals of Allentown for more than 20 years. He is the recipient of the Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award. He is known for his creative personality and the large red minivan he calls "The Beast," which he drives to pick up poor and homeless children and take them to school.

Valentini's speech, which was sponsored by S.H.A.R.E. (Students Have a Real Effect), filled the Events Space with students, many of whom were surprised by his casual demeanor. "Rooster" admitted to his audience that he hadn't planned ahead what he was going to say. His lack of planning, however, proved that he is clearly passionate about local homelessness. Without any notes or technological presentations, Valentini cited homeless statistics, recited impromptu poetry, and told students numerous

personal stories about his experiences in Allentown.

One of the biggest setbacks to helping the homeless is the inability to tell when students and their families are without a home. Valentini told one story of an 8th grade boy who was described as always clean looking, despite an odd wardrobe. It turned out that his family, a mother, father, and three children, were living on 45 dollars a month income. Another pair of students, two young girls, has spent at least 4 or 5 days living out of a car. They still came to school every day with perfect hair and clean dresses.

Even as families try their best to help their children to lead everyday lives and attend school, Valentini is determined to help them. He has served as a voice for the homeless at community events for years, and he continues to spread awareness and to personally devote his time and resources to those experiencing homelessness. It was evident from his talk last week that he will not quit his efforts, as he told his audience that he would stay there talking as long as he could until someone stopped him. And as he has proven over the last 20 years, Valentini's efforts will not be easily stopped.

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The Invasion of the Families

Swiffer? Check. Vacuum? Check. Lysol disinfecting wipes? Check. Armed with this arsenal of cleaning products, the average college student is ready for Family Weekend. So what if it is 4 a.m. and your parents are coming in five hours...who really needs sleep anyway?

We are sure we were not the only ones scrambling to make our rooms/apartments/houses spotless for our families, trying to delude them into thinking we live in this cleanliness every day. Even if it is just a sham, the fact remains that Family Weekend is a way to show our parents how grown-up we really are. It is a way for us to prove to them that we can survive without them and a way for them to justify spending thousands of dollars on tuition every year.

For first year students, Family Weekend means a ride to Target complete with their mother or father's credit card. For seniors, it means facing the reality that the next time their families will be on campus will be for graduation. For all those in between, it means attending Mainstage theatre productions and getting their parents to supply them with "real" food.

Even if we cringe at the antiquated rituals associated with Family Weekend - the guided tours, the snowglobes, and bobble heads - we all secretly love it. Family Weekend is a chance to introduce your parents to all the friends you have made here (or a chance to remind your father the name of the roommate you've been sharing a room with for the past three years). It allows for you to treat your parents to the delights of the dining hall. And it makes it okay for you to pretend you are a tour guide anxiously pointing out all the cool things you have discovered about the College.

Family Weekend is all about College pride. Pride for the student who realizes how much they love this place and pride for the parents who worked so hard to make this dream happen for their child. In the end, Family Weekend is a way to reconcile the world of College and home together in celebration.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Weekly Editor,

In The Shadow of No Towers is not a comic about 9/11. It's a bold statement but one with plenty of supporting evidence. *No Towers* reads more as a memoir of Art Spiegelman's experience living in lower Manhattan in the months and early years after the attack on the World Trade Center. Spiegelman lays out his emotions: he watches the financial towers crumble before his eyes in panic and the smoldering towers recur across the comic like a malingering ghost. He does not trust the Bush administration's doctrine and fears for the polarization of the country into red and blue states. When fellow New Yorkers seem to blatantly ignore the turmoil at Ground Zero, he questions their judgment.

It's easy to see the September 11 terrorist attacks were incidental in Art Spiegelman's work. Emotions as grave as war, death, and grief should never be represented in a form as trivial as a comic; besides, such pieces of 'art' merely desensitize the viewer to the original event.

See, context is a lovely thing. Were it not for background information, circumstances, and additional facts, anyone could create a misleading perspective. The political game thrives on reducing candidates to wildly-skewed sound bites. Taken out of context, the opening statement of this article over-simplifies *In The Shadow of No Towers* and presents it as deviant from its original meaning. It is an error all writers should strive to avoid.

Karlheinz Stockhausen was renowned as a pioneer in avant-garde electronic music until a press conference soon after September 11 framed him as a deranged madman who considered 9/11 "the biggest work of art that has ever been seen." Stockhausen's entire answer, which compares the terrorist attack to a feverish performance, is bad taste at best and sacrilege at worst. But why was Stockhausen talking about 9/11 in the first place? He had been asked about the characters in his master opera, *Licht*, in which the characters Michael, Eve, and Lucifer transcend their Biblical identities and represent archetypes of the human condition. "I pray daily to Michael, but not to Lucifer. I have renounced him. But he is very much present, like in New York recently," Stockhausen said. The same journalist then asked him how the events of September 11 contrasted with the harmony represented in his piece *Hymnen*, to which Stockhausen gave the an-

The art of catastrophic contextualization

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Altruism is dead



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
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articles, the vast majority of us live with relatively high privilege. Let's try to unpack the nature of altruism and see what we participate in and what we generally don't.

We generally think of giving to philanthropies, doing charity work, or even simple acts of altruism such as swiping a friend at the Dining Commons as personal choices - benevolent manifestations of free will. Therefore, we are making two assumptions: first, that altruism is an act of free will; second, that those acts are "good" because they help others with no benefit to oneself. I want to show that not only is our application of free will in this case quite a bit less accurate than we think, but also that one can argue that pure altruism, that is the completely unselfish regard for the devotion to the welfare of others, simply cannot exist.

If you read any of my opinion articles, you would know that I love the use of real-world examples to demonstrate seemingly complex ideas - so this time I won't disappoint. Suppose you're waiting in line at the GQ around lunch time and you see someone slip on one of those stale cookies and fall to the ground, ultimately lying unconscious. We all want to believe that we would rise up, without a second of hesitation, to help someone in a bad situation.

But according to many social psychologists, there's a good chance that you would simply walk away, expecting someone else to handle it. They call this behavior the "bystander effect": The more people present in an emergency situation, the less likely any given individual is to help. So, if you see someone in need, whether you help depends on if there are other people around. The more people nearby, the less likely you are to help. The bystander effect happens for two reasons. First, the crowd of people around the helpless person creates a diffusion of responsibility. Second, we look for other's actions to evaluate our own, meaning that if we don't see anyone else helping then we interpret that we shouldn't either. This dynamic is

called symbolic interactionism. The bystander effect thusly puts limitations on our perceived freewill to help others.

Up to this point, we've been examining altruism at the level of the individual. But the bystander effect also applies to bigger situations. Allow me a pithy moment without fear of being censured for sounding too caustic. Cancer philanthro-

pies get a lot of money and attention on this campus, and Dress Upon a Star, even if you are unaware of this group, does an effective job of getting funds, space, and publicity. There are of course others, but listing them off would make diminishing gains to my point and only further boast our privilege as a campus.

The application of the bystander effect to these 'successful' large forms of altruism is not to say that we all stand by and ignore these philanthropies, as if to admonish our lack of compassion. Rather, it is to characterize our collective participation in such philanthropies as structures of power, or more simply, doing what is cool so that we, in effect, can be cool. As a manifestation of symbolic interactionism, when everyone

else is giving attention to certain philanthropies, we are more inclined to follow; conversely, those philanthropies to which society does not pay attention get further overlooked, and we assume that because they exist, someone else must be giving to them, allowing us not to care.

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*How was I going to take
seeing another new place,
and another new life,
when I had not even gotten
used to this one yet?*

A death row plea



VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

As a nation, where do we draw the line between who deserves death and who does not? How can we sort through the grey area and weed out the morally right executions and the morally wrong? This question has been debated for decades and is still controversial today. In my opinion, the most significant argument is not whether executions should take place, but how they should be carried out. Out of our 50 states, the death penalty is illegal in 16. Out of the remaining 34 states, 8 allow inmates or officials to choose an alternative to the most popular and 'humane' death by lethal injection. Washington and New Hampshire allow the option of death by hanging, while electrocution is still a method in Virginia, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina. The next alternative method is rather shocking, in both California and Missouri an inmate can receive death by gas. Yes, by gas. I am certainly not against the death penalty, but for some reason death by gas is a striking, legal, option. Did we not, as a nation and world, see the devastating effects of gas used by tyrannical leaders during the Holocaust?

Moving forward, in current news concerning the death penalty, the debate is whether or not a substitute drug can be used instead of the current and nearing extinction first part of the three-part lethal injection process, thiopental. Hospira Inc., the only producer of the anesthetic, announced this past summer that it would cease production of thiopental until 2011 due to a shortage of the drug's raw ingredients.

In response, Oklahoma is now trying to pass a substitute anesthetic for the purpose of lethal injection prior to the execution date of John David Duty on Dec. 16. They are proposing a veterinarian regarded pentobarbital 'substitute anesthetic agent for humane euthanasia in animals' that is substantially similar to thiopental. The new drug is a sedative for animals that is used during surgeries and so forth. The argument here is that this 'sedative' has not been tested on humans.

John David Duty, the man who may be the first to experience death by this new drug, is on death row for the murder of his cell mate back in 2001. The attorneys for this monster are arguing that the substitute injection has not been thoroughly tested and could be potentially dangerous, resulting in a torturous execution. If the court rules the substitute injection legal, and John David Duty becomes the guinea pig, it is likely that many states will follow suite.

Because of the dwindling supply of thiopental, many states are being forced to delay executions. Prison personnel are grappling for as much of the drug as they can find, searching domestically as well as overseas for suppliers. Defense lawyers for those on death row are claiming that personnel are searching for as little as three ounces, which is enough to make an inmate unconscious prior to the use of other drugs that cause paralysis and stop the inmate's heart.

Some states are succeeding in their search for hidden supplies of the drug,

others are wary they will not be able to find enough to suffice the executions in the near future; however, the search for thiopental is beginning to look more like a modern day drug war. Many other nations getting involved with these drug-deals but denying their involvement, the states are stealthily succeeding in getting small supplies of the drug, and the companies producing it are practically black market suppliers, unwilling for their names to be made public.

In response, lawyers are going as far as to say that inmates have a risk of suffering severe pain during their execution if the injection used is from imported or unproven drugs. Writer Nathan Koppel discusses that attorney's, "contend further that prison officials might not use proper care in transporting thiopental, potentially exposing it, for example, to temperature extremes that could hurt its effectiveness." Megan McCracken, an attorney with the Death Penalty Clinic at the University of California Berkeley School of Law states, "Whether or not an execution is humane turns entirely on whether thiopental deeply anesthetizes the inmate."

Let's take a step back and look at this situation. Oklahoma is trying to pass a drug that will be used as a substitute for the current lethal injection anesthetic

thiopental, which is suffering a worldwide shortage; so what is the problem? It has not been tested thoroughly enough? What better way to test the effectiveness of a sedative used as the first of a three part cocktail lethal injection method then on rapist-murderers, homicide fiends, or any other individuals who at some point in their lives found it necessary to take

another human's right of life into their own hands? These convicted death row inmates deserve every little bit of punishment they have received or will receive, and I see no better fit for a sedative to be tested on any other living thing. Honestly, I would rather see this

sedative tested death row inmates rather than a poor helpless lab rat.

Taxpayers already spend an insurmountable amount of money keeping these inmates alive for the 14 plus years they are on death row, and now we have to endure the controversy of whether or not a sedative only tested in animal surgeries is an adequate enough so that these heinous criminals can fall peacefully asleep prior to death? The former medical examiner of Oklahoma, Dr. A Jay Chapman, said it best: "I have seen what [death-row inmates] do to other people: torture, rapes, lacerated tissues. If they have a bit of pain exiting this world, it is of no great concern to me." Well said.

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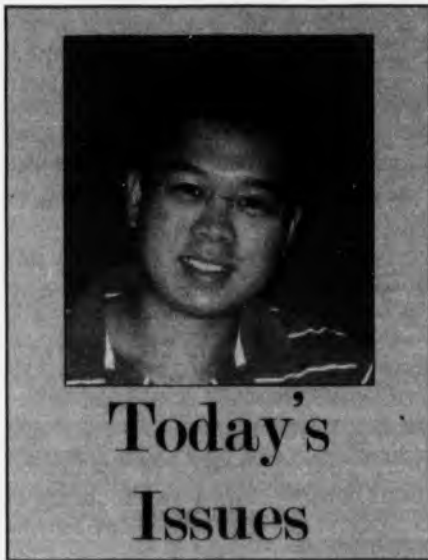
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We did it!



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Last Tuesday's midterm election certainly proved to be one for the history books. Republicans recaptured the majority in the US House of Representatives by a margin that far surpassed expectations and they managed to shrink their minority status in the US Senate. Not only did Republicans make major gains on Capitol Hill, but also in state legislatures across the country. Putting the stunning Republican victory aside for a moment, I would like to take the

opportunity to all of you for participating in the American political process, and your interest and involvement in my write-in campaign for State Representative.

About one month ago, I decided to run for Pennsylvania State Representative here in Allentown. My decision was made after I found out our current State Representative, Jennifer Mann, was running unopposed in the general election. This discovery immediately motivated me and my team to take action.

I was prepared to challenge Rep. Mann, a well entrenched, ten-year incumbent, in order to uphold the pillars of our political system. One of the defining characteristics of the American system is choice. Every voter here in Allentown, including the Muhlenberg student body, deserved to have a choice when they entered that voting booth.

We, as Americans, take pride in the ability to choose among a diverse field of candidates for public office. The other equally important point of the campaign was to remind our community that every candidate for elected office ought to be held accountable for their actions and be subject to a level of scrutiny that provides voters with answers. Campaigning is one of the most effective ways that voters can learn about their candidates and hold them accountable. Every candidate

ought to be working hard for every vote no matter how electorally "safe" he or she may be.

Unfortunately, these two points were being forgotten here in Allentown. Prior to my entry into the race, the voters did not have an alternative and Rep. Mann was not campaigning.

I decided to run on a platform based on principle rather than policy. The campaign was not based on criticizing Rep. Mann on her policy stances or on her work in Harrisburg. Instead, we were standing up against the complacency that entrenched politicians develop and the sense of invulnerability they have.

We kicked the campaign into gear immediately. We were able to assemble a campaign within a matter of three weeks. We established a political committee, released press releases, created a campaign Facebook page, made a campaign video, raised money, printed literature, and knocked on more than 600 doors throughout Allentown. We covered every base of a campaign in a very short amount of time, and I couldn't be more proud and appreciative of the help my

team gave me. We often here politicians describe how important their team is, and they aren't kidding! I could not have done anything without them.

The support I received from my campaign team, the student body, and voters outside of the College's campus meant so much to me. The best part was my entire team was made up of students!

I would like to thank each and every one of you for sticking by me through this election, and I am truly honored to have received every vote I did. I am thrilled to tell you that I received almost 2% of the vote in this entire legislative district, which includes the West End and Center City sections of Allentown! This is a great

return considering the conditions under which we ran. We campaigned hard, stuck to the principles we believe in, got results, and definitely made an impact here in Allentown! This was a working example of political activism. I hope our campaign encourages other Muhlenberg students to become active and take their participation in the process to another level.

Thank you so very much.

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FROM CATASTROPHIC | PAGE 2 swer mis-
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around the world.

Now it appears the composer was talking about the events of September 11 in the context of characters he created. In fact, after the inflammatory excerpt went viral, he released a statement clarifying the "Lucifer in New York" quote:

In my work, I have defined Lucifer as the cosmic spirit of rebellion, of anarchy. He uses his high degree of intelligence to destroy creation. He does not know love...I said that such a plan [9/11] appeared to be Lucifer's greatest work of art. Of course I used the designation "work of art" to mean the work of destruction personified by Lucifer.

Nowhere in the statement does Stockhausen condone terrorism as a creative outlet. The September 11 terrorist attacks could only be considered a work of art as malicious destruction launched with an artful level of deceit. Stockhausen may have been motivated to create this metaphor – framing a horrific event

within the guidelines of his own creative process – because it was a schematic which made sense to him.

Nor was Stockhausen alone in attempting to order the chaotic events at the time. Americans and foreigners alike were impacted by 9/11, and across the globe people sought not only to recover from the attacks but also to understand the context in which they occurred. Their vehicles for inquiry varied from on-site outreach to research into Al Qaeda's history. There were even responses which could be considered 'creative,' a tidal wave of books, movies, music, poetry, and performances.

In her article "The Art of Terror" from last week's edition of the *Muhlenberg Weekly*, Ms. Patriarca claims:

...there is not a single word, action, or art piece that would ever be able to translate the experience into a digestible medium for society. Attempting to do so destroys the event itself and the magnitude of its anonymity. Artists try to take the event and contextualize their own experience through the work,

forcing a lens over the scope of the viewer's eye and narrowing their sight.

Yes, artwork (and literature, music, and even this article) can be deeply personal works. Current cognitive theory holds that it is important and necessary for a person to organize information into a format they can understand. But to claim art related to a catastrophic event is a disservice seems like nonsense.

There is no standalone work which presents 9/11 in a manner each person can agree on, due largely to the breadth of emotions aroused by such an event. Nor should there be such a work. In *The Shadow of No Towers* is no less valid than Joyce Carol Oates' *The Mutants* or Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising*; each piece is the result of one creator responding through their familiar frameworks. A comic, a novel, and a musical album can all draw on the events of September 11 and express their authors' reactions of terror, distrust, and confusion.

In *The Shadow of No Towers* shows Spiegelman struggling to make sense of life in the wake of 9/11. The comic medium allows him to both use words and

images (for situations when words fail) to present his experience to the reader. He draws from the history of New York City's past comic artists and utilizes their characters and situations as a contextual frame for his own emotions. His meditations offer Spiegelman a means of focus, and as *No Towers* progresses its tone shifts from horror to hope. Readers of the comic in the months and years after September 11 might similarly use the book to increase their personal understanding of the events, or alternately to reinforce an opinion that such a comic does an event like 9/11 a disservice.

Whatever the reader's opinion, he or she should identify the literature, music, film, and performances which have drawn on September 11 as pieces representing creativity, specifically the nature of art to create. The works' source inspiration should be recognized, as Stockhausen did, as the antithesis of creativity, as artfully constructed destruction. To claim anything else would be a quote out of context.

Sincerely,
Anonymous

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pating in this constructed system of caring about only some "cool" charities and philanthropies, we are perpetuating a unique hegemonic scheme, or more lucidly, we are buying into what is popular so that we can be part of the majority, further supporting the reason why it is so popular. The Marxist philosopher Antonio Gramsci used examples such as this to describe how a diverse society can be ruled by one of its social classes. As it is in the case of charities and philanthropies on our campus, those that control, participate, or identify with the "popular" philanthropies (effectively the only ones that we see or hear about) are in actuality benefiting from its success.

The naïve concept of pure altruism, absolute selflessness, is effectively dead when put on systemic terms. By donating a few dollars to cancer research with the as-

sumption that you are not the direct benefactor, you are still benefiting from the privilege granted to those who support those cultural norms. The unintended consequence is in turn the marginalization of those charities and philanthropies that fail to conform to the prevailing cultural norms. Examples of such aid organizations are college funds for transgender students and charities that work with people addicted to drugs or alcohol.

This is all not to advise us to stop giving to charities, philanthropies, or generally doing good deeds for our communities. Rather, this unpacking of altruism as it exists on our campus, and the greater society serves to challenge each of us to be more aware of how individually rational or benevolent actions often engender collective malevolent consequences.

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On-campus garden fosters community

By JESSICA HARRIS
Co-News Editor

Corn stalks line the entryway to one of the College's newest additions: a community garden. The idea for a community garden developed out of a Sociology of Food class that assessed the feasibility and ideal configuration of a Muhlenberg Community Garden. They received overwhelming interest and support for their garden proposal to campus and Allentown community members. As a result, in the early spring of 2010, the Garden Committee composed of faculty, staff, and students received approval to develop the plots behind 2208 & 2214 Chew Street into a community garden.

The garden, well on its way to completion, functions "not only as a place to grow food, but also as a way to foster cross-disciplinary learning, and to give a sense of campus community" said Dr. Lisa Perfetti, French professor, and a member of the Garden Committee. When it's finished there will be seating space surrounding the garden for outdoor classes.

The residents of the Garden House and Sustainability House (located at 2208

& 2214 Chew Street) focus on managing the plants and sustainable infrastructure of the garden. Christy Alvord, 1 of 4 residents currently living in the Garden House commented "We got into the house on the condition that we must manage the garden as well as host community dinners using the foods we plant in the garden." Chard, beans, eggplant, tomatoes, peppers, and arrugula are just a few of the crops currently being planted. What to plant is decided based on classroom requests (peas for a biology class looking at genetic variation, for example) or based on what crops a certain event requires (peppers for a salsa night at the house, for example).

For any student interested in helping with weeding, planting, harvesting and any other tasks in the garden, you can stop by the garden during the weekly work days which are Mondays, 3:15-5:15 pm, and Thursdays, 4-6 pm. You do not have to sign up or have any prior gardening knowledge to help out. The garden is a great place for Muhlenberg students, faculty, and staff to come together for classes, to work on projects, and to grow food!

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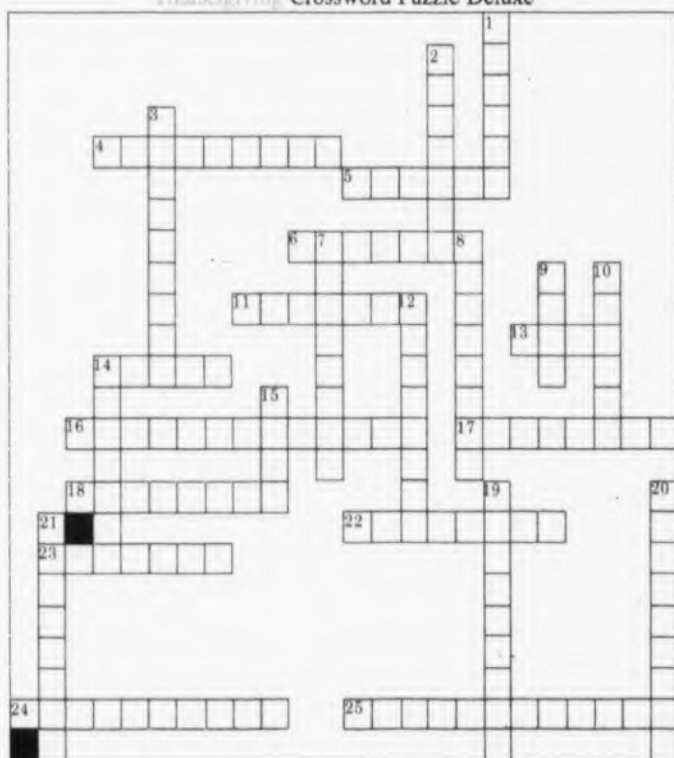


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Crossword

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Thanksgiving Crossword Puzzle Deluxe



Across

- 4 Famous holiday berry
5 Bird of this holiday
6 First Thanksgiving guests
11 Crop picking time
13 Indians called it Maize
14 Early mattress stuffing

- 16 Early Thanksgiving state
17 Pilgrim destination
18 Landed at Plymouth
22 Rock Pilgrims landed on
23 Pilgrims came from here
24 Horn of plenty
25 Day for counting blessings

Down

- 1 Your relatives
2 Good pie on holidays
3 Pilgrims ship
7 Thanksgiving month
8 Inside roasted turkey
9 Do with a tractor

- 10 Supper
12 After Wednesday
14 Giving to others
15 Crack and eat these
19 Kind of squash
20 Count these and be grateful
21 Pilgrims sought freedom of

Weekend Weather

Friday



Sunny

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Saturday



Sunny

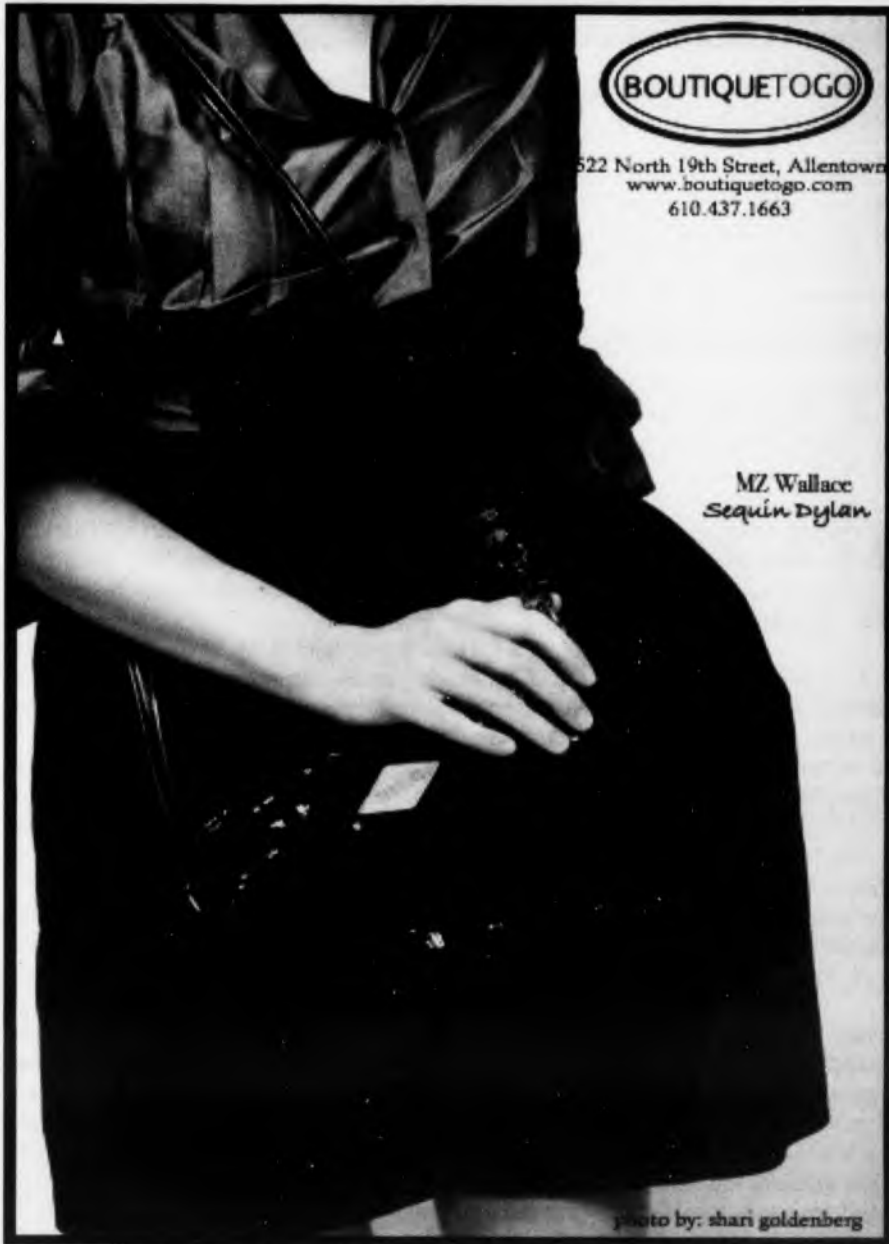
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Sunday



Mostly sunny

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Novemberfest: Game On

Fri. Nov. 5 not only marked the kick-off to family weekend, but also a night of fun in the Trexler library. Novemberfest was planned in order to provide both an academic and social event for family weekend. The floor of the library was designed as a pac-man maze, and around the library video games (DDR, Wii, and Guitar Hero), board games, minute-to-win it games, and a giant jousting game were set up for faculty, students and their families to enjoy. Jen Janson, head of the planning committee commented, "We wanted to transform the library completely. Last year we did a Harry Potter themed event for family weekend around Halloween and this year was basically an expansion of that". The well-attended event was made possible by several on campus organizations including the community service fraternity APO, who provided staffing, WMUH, who provided the music for the event, and OXFAM, who sold raffle tickets and collected donations. The event featured Psychology professor Dr. Mark Sciutto, who spoke about the effects of video games.



Students battle it out in a jousting game

PHOTO BY JEN JANSON

FROM VOWELL | PAGE 1

Vowell came to the question of whether or not idealists can be cruel. She then came to the conclusion that "idealists are the cruelest of all". Although I do not agree with this conclusion, Vowell does point out the evidence that the assassins are the idealists who believe in something so fervently that they kill someone in their way. Vowell then went on to self-reflect about feeling guilty for being late, and how in the midst of her self absorption in guilt, she has learned to ask herself, "have I left behind a pile of skulls?" Vowell's writings have also been published in *The Village Voice*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, *Spin*, *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and the *SF Weekly*. She also contributes to the online magazine *Salon*, and was one of the original contributors to *McSweeney's*.

In addition to being a writer, Sarah Vowell was a contributing editor for the radio program *This American Life* from 1996-2008, where she produced commentaries and documentaries while touring the country in many of the program's live shows. She has appeared on television shows like *Nightline*, *The Daily Show with John Stewart*, *The Colbert Report*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. In the 2004 Disney animated film, *The Incredibles*, Sarah Vowell played the voice of Violet Parr. In her short video clip, *Vowellet: An Essay by Sarah Vowell*, our living writer (she loved that distinction) reflects on the differences between being a super hero and action figure and being an author of tourism/history books on assassinated presidents. She has also appeared briefly in roles on HBO and ABC series, as well as in the film, *Please Give*. In 2006, Vowell served as the keynote speaker at the 27th Annual Kentucky Women Writers Conference.

Although Vowell said that she does not think about the audience when she writes, she must be concerned with her audience in some respects, because she also said that she prefers writing to radio work. She said that this is because readers can leave and will always

come back, but radio listeners get distracted and pay less attention to the radio and what she has to say. She also said that she prefers writing and the "edited version of herself" because radio work has to cope with a sense of time constraint. Perhaps this is why Vowell was fascinated by her realization at the reading that "when she's [was] not doing anything, nothing [was] happening." Vowell also said that working in radio against the clock has perhaps influenced her need to keep things moving with a sense of urgency. While the writer says that she likes to cut out the abstract, in a line on page 11 of *Assassination Vacation* where she compares the Spanish King's Catholicism to her rickety patriotism, Vowell says, "Both faiths can get a little ethereal and abstract." It seems to be that the abstract aspects of her patriotism that make their way into her writing are cut down by what she herself does or does not find interesting.

When Vowell writes, she does not have the goal of "making a difference," but instead said that she likes to explore the darker corners of America. It is interesting that while Vowell does not care what others think of her, she also thinks that empathy is the best educational tool. Despite the strength of her Democratic voice and her humorous approach to the small miseries in life, her emphasis on empathy seems to be grounded in the fact that she told the Muhlenberg Living Writers class that 9/11 taught her the meaning of the word crushed. She went on to say that she is a sadder person now, and joked that she had lost faith in the people of the country after the 2004 election.

As Vowell firmly stated during her reading, she looks at writing as her work. If she sees it as work, it keeps her motivated to keep going, and it helps to get paid. The example she gave at the reading was the story of her sarcastically lovely mule ride down a steep mountain in Hawaii while doing research for her latest book. Her fear of heights and allergy to pet dander certainly "made that trip feel like a job."

Even though Vowell admitted to being a procrastinator, I am sure that students appreciated hearing about her feeling of satisfaction after completing a book. Her dry-humored joke that work does not have to be perfect as long as it is done, was a favorite at the Question and Answer session. Vowell, a lover of Lincoln and his ability to write sarcastically and to procrastinate, said that because of the closeness felt when visiting historic sites, she sat in a room at Gettysburg thinking, "Lincoln did not finish the Gettysburg Address until the night before in this very room." However, Vowell cannot possibly view the writing process as simple in that she revealed her method of using stacks of index cards to arrange what she wants to talk about and reading aloud what she writes after having travelled and toured.

When asked at the reading who her favorite writers are, Vowell said that she likes strong writers who are their own voice. After recommending Jeff Dire and Ian Frasier with his book, *Great Plains*, Vowell went on to tell of her love for reading Swedish detective novels because of how each individual murder within the books involve such sorrow and grief before the case is even investigated. In American detective novels, Vowell points out, the detectives would say "Oh, another murder, let's figure stuff out now." As fascinated as Vowell is with death, she is against it. As she said at the reading, "Even though I am a living writer, I write about death."

It was such a pleasure to have Sarah Vowell with us at Muhlenberg College. Her witty patriotism brings history to life as she fits its stories into her amusing patterns of touring America. From mentioning the reenactment of the Aaron Burr and President Hamilton duel where they die and then rise two minutes later to take pictures with tourists, to reading factual sections from her books, to making Canadian jokes, Vowell embodied the digressive nature of America which she writes about in a strong voice, just as the writers she herself admires.

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 1 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found book. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 1 – Injured Student – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 1 – Animal Complaint (Pet) – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a possible pet in a room. Upon arrival, an officer found a chinchilla in the room. Residential Services was notified.

Nov. 1 – Larceny/Theft From Vehicle – On N. 26th St., there was a report of vandalism to vehicles. Two vehicles were found with broken front passenger windows and GPS units were taken out. Allentown Police Department responded to the scene. The suspect was described as either a black or Hispanic juvenile male, five foot ten inches tall, slender, wearing dark clothing, a white shirt, and a white rag on his head. Students are reminded to keep all belongings either out of their vehicles or out of plain view in vehicles.

Nov. 1 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In East Hall, B Block, first floor, there was a report of drug paraphernalia found in a room. The items were brought to the Campus Safety office and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 1 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In East Hall, B Block, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer discovered the violation while responding to a welfare check call. The items were brought to the Campus Safety office and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 1 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 1 – Lost Property – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Nov. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 2 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 2 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was

a report of a found calculator. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 2 – Found Property – At 318 Albright St., there was a report of a found cell phone. Attempts were made to contact the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner later claimed the item.

Nov. 2 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication via cell phone text messages. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 2 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of found items including a book and a student ID card. The student was notified to retrieve the ID card at the Campus Safety office. The book was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 3 – Attempted Theft – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of an attempted theft of a computer. An attempt was made to detach security cables from the rear of the computer. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to room doors where shaving cream was sprayed on doors. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 4 – Injured Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 4 – Lost Property – In Trexler Library, B Level, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Nov. 4 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – On the front drive, there was a report of a vehicle that was illegally parked on the front circle with an excessive amount of tickets and not registered. A Campus Safety officer booted the vehicle.

Nov. 4 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown Police responded. A Campus Safety officer transported a student to the Health Center.

Nov. 4 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost textbook.

Nov. 5 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of found money. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Nov. 6 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of scratches to a vehicle's mirror and bumper. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 6 – Found Property – On Liberty St., there was a report of a found bank card. The owner was unable to be notified. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 6 – Medical Transport – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 6 – Noise Complaint (City Ordinance) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded and cleared out the house. No further action was taken.

Nov. 7 – Harassment – Off campus, there was a report of a student assaulted at an off campus residence. Allentown Police Department responded.

Nov. 7 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner later claimed the item.

Nov. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Life Sports Center, office areas, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, no cause could be found that would set off the alarm other than contractors working in the area. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 7 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of theft of items from a room. The items included money and an iPod. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 7 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to the driver's side mirror of a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 7 – Found Property – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner later claimed the item.

Nov. 7 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID card. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

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"Once you say you are going to settle for second that's what happens to you in life."

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Moving Stories : A dynamic evening of dance

By KELSEY HUTCHISON
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Moving Stories will run in Baker Theatre Nov. 18-20 and will feature eleven original dance works choreographed by senior and junior Dance majors

and minors who have studied a range of styles and completed courses in Movement and Dance Composition. All of these choreographers were selected by faculty through a written and oral proposal and have been mentored and guided throughout the choreographic process. The artistic director for the production is Assistant Professor Sarah Carlson and the Choreographers are Jeremy Arnold '12, Krista Bacchieri '12, Katie Fierro '11, Maggie Griffin '11, Lynn Lisella '11, Brittani Maglio '11, Jeanette Meibach '11, AlexJo Natale '12, Sioned Pappartotto '12, Christine Pepin '12, Ashley Sleeth '11. Meredith Boring is the Costume Designer and Paul E. Theisen Jr. is the Technical Director and Lighting Designer.

The pieces are in a variety of styles including modern, contemporary, gestural movements, and even tap. This year, *Moving Stories* includes new soundscapes mixed and created by the choreographers themselves, creative utilization of intriguing props, and innovative lighting design to make the choreographers' visions come alive on the stage. The choreographers use contemporary themes to explore the world around them and how, both as dancers and as people, they perceive and relate to it.

"People should come see *Moving Stories* because the works are all quite diverse, involve different props, and keep the audience intrigued through interesting movement and a great range of themes" said choreographer Maggie Griffin '11. "My piece incorporates a table, which has been both fun and difficult to work with, but my dancers have made the process much easier on my by being willing to try anything and everything with the prop."

Griffin's piece is titled "It Gets Better" and is loosely based on the recent and alarming epidemic of gay suicides that have been occurring throughout the United States in relation to how technology has opened the possibility for covert and hidden bullying to occur through computer screens and text message inboxes instead of traditional face to face, which, since it takes place in the open, becomes more likely that someone will notice and intervene. Since this new form of technological harassment takes place behind closed doors, it makes it difficult if not almost impossible, for someone to step in and put a stop to it.

Lynn Lisella '11 also explores the idea of technology and its effect on today's world but in a different light. "This is my second time choreographing for *Moving Stories*" Lisella '11 said, "So I am taking some risks with my piece and am hoping to create

a thought provoking work as well as a complete theatrical experience; I am working with a non-traditional vocabulary of movement, masks, an original soundscape and a sophisticated lighting design.

Jeanette Meibach '11 said on the choreographic process, "I wanted to create a piece that the audience felt they could relate to. In my piece titled 'All for One,' I set out to explore social barriers and isolation, which come intrinsically in our daily relationships with those around us." The lighting and costume design will reflect the dancers' awkward movement and relationships with each other through the use of mono-chromatic colors and simple white light to create a stark, bare world onstage.

"My piece, '400 the Cat' got started when I stumbled across this 7 year old girl Jani Schofield on the television. She has childhood schizophrenia and I became extremely interested in the topic" said AlexJo Natale '12 on the inspiration for her piece. Natale '12 has a cast of three dancers and uses different methods to delve into the world of schizophrenia through use of movement, storyline, and costumes. "I am using playing dress up to symbolize schizophrenia. When we play dress up, we play because it gets us out of reality and into this fantasy world. When we want to, we can leave that fantasy world and go back to reality; In schizophrenia, when we get uninterested with reality we go into this fantasy world. However, this fantasy world is a dark one. It doesn't let you leave when you want."

"My piece, 'let happen,' was inspired by a revelation I had while studying abroad in Italy last semester" said Brittani Maglio '11 in relation to her experience at the Accademia dell'Arte in Arezzo where she studied Dance including Tarantella, Art History, Philosophy, and Italian. "After studying and living in Italy for three months I learned that we need to embrace every opportunity we have and live every moment to its fullest; it is important to let things happen the way they're meant to happen, which is the foundation of my piece."

Regarding her experience, "Choreographing for *Moving Stories* has been an amazing opportunity that has allowed me to express my opinions and experiences through a performance that will in turn give audience members an exciting and dynamic experience of their own. This year's show presents the work of diverse and unique choreographers and we're so lucky to have the artistically talented dancers to make our visions come alive" said Maglio '11.

Moving Stories runs Nov. 18-20 in the Baker Theatre. Performances are Thurs. Nov. 18th and Fri. Nov. 19th at 8pm, and Sat. Nov. 20th at 2pm and 8pm. Campus tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the box office in the Trexler Pavilion.

Question of the Week:

Who were you in a past life?



"A muscular Kenyan"

-Emily Stein '14



"A clown"

-Zachary Graves '14



"A pigeon"

-Jake Cohen '14



"A Velociraptor"

-Allison Berger '14



"The founder of 'Berg'"

-Samantha Solar '14

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The Pajama Game: An entertaining and worthwhile musical

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

The College's Department of Theatre and Dance presented their fabulous rendition of the popular musical *The Pajama Game* these past two weekends, which has now sadly come to a close. It ran from Oct. 29 through Nov. 7 in the Empie Theatre in the Baker Center for the Arts building. The College's version of this musical was directed by Charles Richter, choreographed by Karen Dearborn, and musically directed by Ken Butler.

I was fortunate enough to attend the last performance on Nov. 7. The theatre was packed and crowded with an eager audience. There were many students and parents in the audience anxious to see the show for different reasons: the students were in attendance to support their friends or fulfill a theatre and or dance instruction to attend this special event. The parents were there to support their family performing in the show and to take three hours on a fall Sunday in November to be nostalgic and to transport back in time. What do I mean by nostalgic? For many parents in the audience the setting of *The Pajama Game* took place in a time period that was very familiar to them. The story takes place sometime during the 1950s when men governed the workplaces and women took a back seat working at the smallest levels of a business or tending to their stereotypical duties within the house. This was a time before the rule was established in many workplaces forbidding co-workers from having romantic relationships with each other. It was also a time before unions obtained sufficient representation and were often either ignored or casted aside for profit's sake. It is a far cry from our modern world, but it is significant today in the way that the youth can see the progression of America regarding equality of gender and the rules and laws created in the workplaces in order to protect employers and employees.

The Pajama Game is a musical based on the novel *7-1/2 Cents* by Richard Bissell. Richard Adler and Jerry Ross produced the creative music and lyrics that the audience was humming even after the performance had ended. The original Broadway production of the musical was such a success that it ran over a 1,000 performances and won a Tony for Best Musical in 1955. This musical is outrageously popular even in today's world as the 2006 Broadway revival won a Tony for Best Revival of a Musical. *The Pajama Game* has been a Broadway champion not solely because of the themes I mentioned above, but because included in the plot is passionate love, tumultuous relationships, and comedic lines that in some instances has had the audience laughing for lengthy period of time.

The story revolves around a pajama factory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa called the *Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory* in 1954. After a brief introduction of the setting and the plot by the foreman, Vernon Hines, played by the talented Zachary Spiegel '11, the curtain opens to the *Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory* where the workers are tirelessly making pajamas with little time for rest. The foreman yells at the workers to keep a fast pace or Hasler, the man on top who runs the factory played by the comedic genius George Kelly '11, will be livid and become difficult to work with. The workers represent their strife in the catchy tune *Racing with the Clock* where they describe that they must work and can't waste time despite the fact that they are being denied a raise they are entitled to. The union of workers would like a 7-1/2 cent raise and Hasler is doing everything in his power to dodge the subject and refuse their requests. The spotlight then turns toward the main character and protagonist of the plot known as Sid Sorokin played by the upcoming star James Patefield '13. Sid

moves to Cedar Rapids to work as the newest superintendent and finds that while he may have passion for his new job, he has a greater love for the leader, of the Grievance Committee, Babe Williams played by the talented actress and dancer Casey Gill '11. At first, Babe rejects Sid and his advances. She is hesitant to fall in love and assumes that a relationship would fail as they are on different sides of the soon to be war between Hasler and the workers. She tries to convey her disdain for love and Sid in the famous song *I'm Not at All in Love*. This number had the audience swaying in their seats and made Act I of this musical-enjoyable for everyone.

While the main storyline involves Sid and Babe and their dispositions regarding the raise, there are also very fun and entertaining characters that add an extra spice to the musical. Vernon Hines, the foreman, is crazy in love with Gladys Hotchkiss, Hasler's personal assistant played by the well-versed actress Angela DeAngelo '12. Their relationship provides laughter and enjoyment throughout the entire musical. Gladys is a flirt and talks a big talk, but at the end of the day she loves Vernon and would never really give him a reason to worry about cheating. Vernon is usually a man of order and time, but becomes jealous and crazy when it comes to Gladys, which is why he throws daggers towards her head towards the end of the performance. He would never hurt Gladys, but their relationship represents the well known saying, "love makes you do crazy things." Another great character includes the Prez played by the versatile actor Joseph Spiotta '13. The Prez is a chauvinist who keeps busy by trying to cheat on his wife with the factory workers and at the same time lead his workers in the strike and uproar against Hasler in order to get the 7-1/2 raise.

As these characters and their storylines develop, the main focus lies within the struggle between Babe and Sid's romance; one that pushes stereotypical romantic boundaries. They fall in love despite Babe's hesitance. However, her worries seem valid towards the end of Act I when Sid fires her for trying to disrupt the progression of the factory. Sid is torn by his abrupt decision, as he understands Babe and her fellow worker's scenario; however, he in turn also has a job to do as superintendent of the factory. Throughout this struggle other important and popular numbers are displayed. One of the most memorable

numbers of the show includes *Once-a-Year Day*, which is an upbeat tune that showcases some of the best dancers in the Department. The famous *Hernando's Hideaway* scene showcased the ensemble with their magnificent voices and dancing skills. It was a seductive number that had the audience captivated with it's magic.

When Sid finds a way to make Hasler give the his workers the 7-1/2 cent raise, Babe and Sid reunite, and all ends well for everyone involved. Even Hasler is seen prancing around in his pajamas with his workers in the finale number. There was magnificent talent in this show between the amazing voices of the actors, the beautiful sounds arising from the orchestra pit, and the skilled dancers that were well choreographed. This is by far one of the Department's best performances. I would only recommend in the future that the actors receive microphone support in the future. While the audience could clearly hear the actors, it seemed to me that after numerous performances the actors voices were tired and could have used microphones so that they could showcase their beautiful voices without struggle. I realize that in the old days that performers on Broadway and in Operas didn't have the luxury of using microphones, but if you have the technology now why not use it?

Overall, the show was fantastic, and I feel sorry for anyone who missed out on the opportunity to see this fantastic performance. It is no shock to me that the College is ranked the



James Patefield '13 and Casey Gill '11 as Sid and Babe

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AMC Weekend Listings



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This weekend on campus

Thurs. May 6

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Delta Tau Delta for Community Bike Works

BY MATT LEVY
LIFE WRITER

Every year Delta Tau Delta raises money for Community Bike Works, an Allentown organization that is located at 235 North Madison Street. Community Bike Works is a program for children ages 9 to 17, that helps teach work ethic and battles entitlement while keeping the kids away from drugs and crime. After each child donates 24 hours of their time working on bikes, they earn a bike to keep.

This semester Delta Tau Delta held a Dodge-ball tournament on October 31st, sponsored by Southern Tide Clothing and Apparel. Delta Tau Delta advertised the tournament the week prior to the tournament and the Muhlenberg community stepped it up, donating \$750. The tournament consisted of ten teams that competed for first and second place trophies along with the Southern Tide prizes. Delta Tau Delta would like to thank Phi Sigma Sigma for supporting the event by having three teams donate and compete in the tournament.

On November 3rd, Delta Tau Delta teamed up with Phi Sigma Sigma for "Jail and Bail," where students, staff and faculty were jailed by their peers for a donation of \$3 and could bail themselves out for \$5. This event raised another \$750 for Community Bike Works, raising the total money raised for Community Bike Works to \$1,500.

Delta Tau Delta would like to thank all those who donated, and those who participated in our events. And for those who wish they had donated or participated, there is still a chance! Delta Tau Delta will be hosting Date-A-Delta later this semester.

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the Mules drove to the Ursinus 34, and upon being stopped, were forced to punt. Deighan came out under center, but instead of passing, punted the ball. The ball took what can only be described as a Muhlenberg bounce, rolling to the 1-yard line, but taking a left turn along the goal line as if it were the golf ball in Space Jam. It was a play rarely seen since the introduction of modern football, when the common offensive strategies changed from the triple threat ball carrier to a more individual position oriented game.

The Mules stopped the Bears at the 49-yard line, one yard short of the first down they needed, and kneeled out the clock.

Deighan was phenomenal on the game, passing for two touchdowns and rushing for two others, earning co-offensive play of the week honors. Sophomore Running Back Terrence Dandridge led the Mules in rushing for 94 yards on 25 attempts - Dandridge had had at least 100 yards in each of his last 6 games. He only needs 18 more yards to become Muhlenberg's ninth 1,000-yard rusher.

The Mules' defense was banged up before the game, notably missing Senior Linebacker Patrick McDonough. During the game, the Mules lost another captain, Senior Linebacker Mark Accomando. Accomando left the field in an ambulance early in the fourth quarter. The crowd was relieved to see him give the thumbs-up and pump his fist.

The Mules' stellar defense, which held Ursinus to 33 rushing yards on 32 attempts, was led by Cobb, who was named Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week. Cobb had 7 tackles, 1 forced fumble, and 4.5 sacks for a total of 46-yards lost (the most sacks in a game by a player in the Centennial Conference in six years). Sophomore Linebacker Shane O'Connor, filling in, had the most tackles with 11 and a broken up pass that kept the Ursinus Bears' offense at bay.

Muhlenberg's last game of the season will be Sat., Nov. 13 at Moravian (5-4, 5-3), where the Mules will look to get their eighth C.C. win.



Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan runs for a Touchdown.

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Nov. 6th
vs. Ursinus
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MEN'S SOCCER

Nov. 3rd
CC PLAYOFFS
Gettysburg @ Johns Hopkins (JH 4-1)

Nov. 6th
CC PLAYOFFS @ SWARTHMORE
Mules vs. Franklin & Marshall, W 4-0
Swarthmore vs Johns Hopkins (S, 1-1/4-2 pk)

Nov. 7th
CC PLAYOFFS @ SWARTHMORE
Mules vs Swarthmore, L 1-2 (2OT)

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Cam Newton and the state of collegiate recruiting

BY JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

Auburn Quarterback Cam Newton, a Heisman Trophy candidate and leader of the 2nd overall ranked Tigers, is in some hot water. Allegations came out late last week that, during his recruitment, cash would have to be offered to the Newton family and their representatives to get Cam to go to their school. Reportedly, Mississippi State University was told it take at least \$200,000 to secure Newton. Reports have stated that Newton preferred to go to Mississippi State, but his father preferred Auburn, and that's where he ended up.



Auburn University's Quarterback Cam Newton is under the microscope for alleged violations in his recruitment to the school.

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recruitment needs to be treated as such. While the temptation is there to use any means necessary to ensure a player attends your school, the ethical violations are too much.

Consider us "normal" students. Many of us do not get recruited to go to a college. We send in applications and hope that the college of our choice accepts us. We don't have much power. College athletes, however, have all the power. With multiple schools vying for their services, they can milk the process to get benefits for themselves and their families. And why not? Just like some regular students, some college athletes come from disadvantaged backgrounds, and this opportunity can exist as a chance to help their families.

Despite this temptation, despite all the factors that go into recruiting, one thing is abundantly clear: It's not fair. It's not fair to the athletes who play by the rules, it's not fair to colleges who do not have as big of an endowment, and it's not fair to non-student athletes who are hoping that their preferred school likes them as much as they like the school. It's an unfair process, and one that needs to be reformed.

It's hard to know Cam Newton's motives until all the facts come out. What we do know is that Newton, a very talented athlete, had the chance to leverage himself to make sure he got the best deal. Colleges are all too happy to oblige.

The solution to this is not clear. It's hard to outlaw this behavior, because it is outlawed, and it isn't working. Sanctions and deterrents clearly aren't working. While we can be naive and hope that colleges will see the immorality of this, we all know that isn't happening. We can only hope that the NCAA begins to enforce these more strictly, with harsher sanctions. Otherwise, us "normal" students are left in the dust.

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wins, and they split the money.

Fantasy sports are definitely growing in popularity each year. There are magazines dedicated just to fantasy sports and there is always a segment on SportsCenter where they discuss fantasy implications for players before the games that occur each week. One part of me wants to say that this internet phenomenon is just a waste of time, a new excuse for people to gamble or get overemotional over a sports game. A new way for people to play sports without actually going outside and getting any exercise (like sports on computer games, video games etc.).

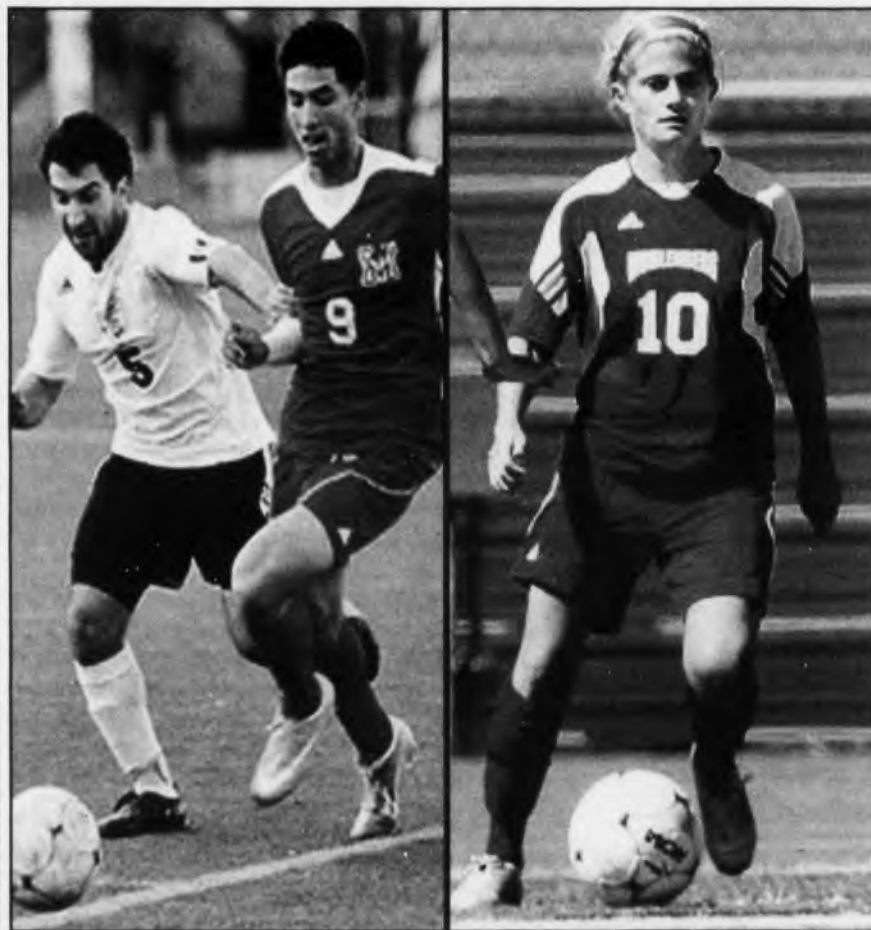
The other part of me wants to say it is just a harmless industry meant for fun that allows people to come together and compete with each other in a friendly and playful atmosphere.

The truth is probably somewhere between the two. It is likely many people take it way too seriously, risk way too much money, energy, and time on fantasy sports. Others probably enjoy it as a new way to pay attention to games that may be of little interest to them or to compete with some friends for bragging rights. It depends how you use it.

Fantasy sports may turn into a nightmare for those who abuse it, who painstakingly pay attention to every pass, every yard, every fumble and analyze how it influences their team.

My suggestion: play for fun. Play for bragging rights. At most, play for a few bucks. But anything that involves what you personally would consider a decent amount of money is not worth risking on fantasy sports. You can drive yourself mad trying to stay on top of every minute detail each week, living and dying with each fantasy point. Enjoy it. Play with some friends.

Or better yet go outside on Sunday and get out of the fantasy world and play with a real football. Get some real exercise and some real interaction with real people.



Left: Junior Strikers Cody Antonini will lead the Mules in the NCAA Tournament as the Centennial Conference's top goal scorer; Right: Junior Forward Nicolette Miller led the C.C. in total points (21).

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Cross Country Teams finish sixth Centennial Conference Championships

BY GIL SCHPERO
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg College Cross Country teams both finished sixth at the Centennial Conference Championships, hosted by Johns Hopkins at the Belmont Conference Center in Elkridge,

Maryland.

The Lady Mules improved their standing from last year by one place, finishing as high as sixth for the first time since 2006. For the first time in over a decade, the women placed two runners in the Top 20. Freshman Nicole Cronin, came in 17th with a time of 22:53.0. Following her fast strides was Sophomore Samantha Mayden, placing 19th and running a 23:07.0. These extra fast times spread throughout the women's team as Ramze Burns ran a 24:20.0, Melissa Ugelow a 24:48.0, Erica Bash, 24:55.0, Ashley Greenberg, 24:57.0 and Hannah Mitchell with a 26:01.0. As the regular season ends for the women, we have seen tremendous time improvements especially from the freshman and sophomores who have been dominating the races. The future looks very bright for the Mule Women.

The best overall finisher for Muhlenberg was men's senior Bobby Torphy, who was 12th overall! It was the best career finish for Torphy, who was 37th as a freshman, 30th in 2008 and 27th last year. He finished with a time of 25:22.3, as senior Ryan Wilson was just a few men behind him finishing 32nd with a time of 26:27.0. The men continued their excellence as William Lowrey ran a 26:49.0, Brendan Smith a 26:53.0, Charlie Kline a 27:10.0, Nate Crossette a 27:34.0, and Bobby McGetrick finished with a 28:06.0. The Men and women both left all they had out on the course and it definitely shows.

As the regular season comes to an end for the Cross-Country teams there is still one more race to go. This Saturday both teams will be traveling to Slippery Rock, PA to compete in the NCAA Mid-east Regional's. It will be run at Coopers Lake Campground, and we look forward to seeing some stellar personal bests to be set and broken. We wish all competitors good luck, and for those reading stay tuned for next week's issue!



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scored.

In the second extra period, Swarthmore scored the game winner and conference tournament-winning goal with 4:20 remaining. The 2-1 win gave the Garnet a guaranteed spot in the NCAA Tournament and put the future of the Mules season in doubt.

The Mules were outshot in the match, 23-11, but Senior Keeper Jason Daniels kept his team in the game with a pair of incredible saves, one in each overtime period, to delay the Garnet's win. Daniels had seven saves in the match. Muhlenberg had the advantage in corner kicks, 8-4.

The game was hard fought from the first whistle. After an early booking for back Kyle Plifka, the Garnet and Mules played a very physical game. In total, six yellow cards were issued (four to Swarthmore, two for Muhlenberg) and 36 fouls were committed during the match.

Muhlenberg's only losses of the season came against the Garnet, a 1-0 loss in their final regular season game played at Varsity Field, and now in the Centennial Conference Championship match.

For Swarthmore, they became just the second team to win the conference championship in an overtime period. It was only the third overtime championship game in conference history. Their season was rewarded with the chance to host first and second round NCAA Tournament action this weekend.

However, Muhlenberg's season has not yet ended either, as the Mules earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. This Saturday at 1:30PM, the Mules will face Keane State College in the opening round at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. The winner of that game will face the victor of Stevens and Hunter on Sunday at 1:00PM.

The Soccer Mules are no strangers to the NCAA tournament, last appearing in 2007. They lost in the first round to Virginia Wesleyan, 3-2. The only current Mule players to appear in that game were seniors Mike Williams and Matt Cecconi. These two captains will play a key role in guiding the rest of their teammates through the tournament. Also on the 2007 team were Adam Beal, Jason Daniels, Andrew Harshey, Nick Leasure and Eric Williams.

The 2010 Mule team was honored by with six All Centennial Conference selections. The junior striker Antonini was a unanimous selection the first team. Antonini led the conference in goals with 16. Senior Goalie Daniels was also named to the first team with a .860 save percentage. Both Antonini and Daniels were first team selections in 2009. Sophomore Forward Danny Way and Senior Defensemen Eric Williams were named to the second team. Honorable mentions went to seniors Matt Cecconi and Mike Williams. The Mules had more players earn All Centennial Conference honors than any other team in the league.

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NCAA Tournament
@ Stevens, 1:00

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Season Opener
Nov. 15th
Moravian, 6:00

FOOTBALL
Nov. 13th
@ Moravian, 1:00

WRESTLING
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Ursinus Fall Brawl, 9:30

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Season Opener
Nov. 15th
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Deighan, Vaughn, Cobb lead Mules over Ursinus for Conference Title and NCAA bid in show for parents

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

It appears as if Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan can do it all on offense, but Saturday spectators found out he could punt too in a 27-20 win against the Ursinus Bears (7-2, 6-2) within the wrought iron and brick gates of Scotty Wood Stadium. With the win, the Mules (7-2, 7-1) pushed Ursinus down to second place in the Centennial Conference and won sole possession of first place. The Mules also won back the conference title, which they had lost last year, making that three titles in the last four years for those keeping score at home.

The Mules struck first, midway through the first quarter. With the ball on the Muhlenberg 44, Deighan dropped back to pass on third-and-long. He surveyed the field and connected with Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn in full stride for a 56-yard touchdown. The kick by Senior Kicker Michael Katz was good, and the Mules were up first.

On the ensuing possession, the Bears struck back. The kickoff bounced out of bounds, giving Ursinus the ball on their 40. Two first-down rushes put the Bears on the Mules' 40. After a few plays, they were on the Muhlenberg 4. The Mules stopped three attempts, but a quarterback sneak on 4th down and a good kick ended the Muhlenberg lead.

Late in the second quarter, the Mules' defense pushed



Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn catches a Touchdown pass from Dan Deighan in the first quarter. The Mules never looked back.

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the Bears' attack back to within their red zone – thanks to a 12-yard loss on a sack by Junior Defensive End Kenneth Cobb. Muhlenberg received the punt on the Ursinus 37. On third down, Deighan hooked up with Senior Wide Receiver Jon Liberty for 16 yards. Then, Deighan rushed 17 yards to left for the touchdown. After the Katz point after was good, the Mules were up 14-7. They would not surrender the lead again.

The last seconds of the first half were out of the ordinary. The Mules, deep in their own territory, attempted to punt, but the snap was bobbled, giving the Bears the ball on the Muhlenberg 9. After Muhlenberg forced Ursinus to attempt the field goal, Senior Linebacker Scott Gavin blocked the attempt. However, the ball was scooped up by the Bears' kicker who ran 17 yards for the touchdown. To complete the bizarre sequence of events, the holder bobbled the snap, so the point after attempt was no good as well.

Deighan ran for another touchdown 10 minutes into the second half, then connected with Liberty for 20 yards and another touchdown 3 minutes later, putting the Mules up 27-13.

A few minutes into the fourth quarter, Ursinus gave the raucous Muhlenberg crowd a scare. The Bears received the ball on the Mule 48 yard-line, driving down the field for the touchdown.

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Mens Soccer loses in C.C. Championship; Earn bid to NCAA Tournament

BY ANDREW RHODES
SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Men's Soccer team's quest for their sixth Centennial Conference Championship (first since 2005) fell short on Sunday against top seeded Swarthmore.

The Mules (11-2-6) posted an impressive 4-0 win over Franklin & Marshall on Saturday. Sophomore Forward Danny Way scored two goals, while Senior Striker Cody Antonini and Mike Williams scored a goal apiece. The game was much different from the September meeting between these two teams. In what was both teams' conference opener, the Diplomats and Mules battled to a 1-1 tie at Varsity Field. The semifinals win for the Mules set them up against Swarthmore (15-1-3) in the championship match after the Garnet tied Johns Hopkins 1-1 on Saturday night, advancing on penalty kicks 4-2.

On Sunday against the Garnet, Senior Midfielder Mike Williams put the Mules up 1-0 when he rifled a shot from the top right corner of the box. The kick deflected off a Swarthmore defender's shoulder and floated over the keeper's head into the upper left corner of the net. The goal, which came in the 29th minute, gave the mules their first lead against the Garnet since 2007.

The Mules would hold their lead until a foul was committed in the box with just over 15 minutes left in the match. A Swarthmore striker would put the ensuing penalty kick into the back of the net to tie the score.

In the first overtime, both teams had scoring opportunities, but great saves by both keepers kept the Garnet and Mules in the game. With little time left in the period, Swarthmore looked to have won the game off of a corner kick, but time had expired before the goal was

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The reality of fantasy sports

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

An estimated 30 million people played fantasy sports in 2007. That number has surely grown since then. Over \$800 million was spent on fantasy sports products that year as well. We have fantasy football, baseball,

basketball, hockey and anything you could possibly want to play. Muhlenberg intramural sports could even have a fantasy league for all we know. You can play for money or just for fun. There is even a television show based around Fantasy Football called "The League" (which is hilarious) on FX.

I wonder whether football players are allowed to play fantasy football for money. Although it sounds absurd that a professional athlete that makes millions of dollars would do something to influence his fantasy team, stranger things have happened. We all know athletes can be selfish. Like when Latrell Sprewell felt insulted by the Minnesota Timberwolves offer and claimed "I got my family to feed." Sprewell was making 14.6 million dollars for that year alone, when he made that statement. Or when Ricky Davis attempted a shot at his own basket so he could get the rebound and get his tenth rebound of the game, giving him a triple double (thankfully he was fouled before he could commit such a dumb and selfish maneuver).

Fantasy sports have positives and negatives. It most likely contributes to gambling issues, especially among the youth. There have also been people who try to scam others using fantasy sports. On fan message boards sometimes people will join a league together, sometimes playing for money. At times it has been a set up with the commissioner inviting mostly his friends to play in the league. Then they manipulate the rules and trades so one of them

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Team set to host Merchant Marine on Sat.

Anthony Rapp: "No Day But Today"

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Mon.,
Nov. 15,
Anthony

Rapp posed for the first of many photographs before his evening lecture at the College. Rapp, star of the original cast and movie adaptation of *Rent* and author of the best-selling book, *Without You*, was greeted with cheers and flashbulbs by an overflowing Great Room audience. Students, who recognized Rapp for his *Rent* character Mark Cohen and his role in *Dazed and Confused*, were excited to hear from such a well-known star.

Rapp began his lecture by thanking his audience. It means a lot to him to be invited to speak to young people, since they are, he said, the future leaders of this generation.

His talk was peppered with advice for aspiring actors. Not surprisingly, when he asked if there were any actors in the

audience, dozens of hands shot in the air. He told them, first and foremost, that it's not a failure if you don't get cast after an audition. The fact that he had auditioned for *Rent* director Michael Grief for a different role and didn't get cast, Rapp believes, led him to the role in *Rent* that changed his life.

From his seat on stage, Rapp casually took his audience through his audition process, the early days of *Rent*, and the story of *Rent* writer Jonathan Larson. Rapp auditioned for *Rent* in 1994. At the time, the audition was for a 4-week workshop with only 10 shows. Rapp was working as a barista at Starbucks, and wasn't expecting much out of the workshop. But from the first rehearsal, when Larson had the cast learn the song "Seasons of Love," Rapp was hooked. The song alone gave him goose bumps. "We knew, all of us, that we were part of something special."

What really hit home for Rapp was the



Anthony Rapp

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Ten Thousand Villages

By JAMIE ROBERTS, MARC BROOK-
LAND & MAGGIE BERNHARD
NEWS WRITERS

On Wed., Dec. 1 and
Thurs., Dec. 2, The Ten
Thousand Villages fair
trade festival is making its

eighth and final appearance at the College. This annual two-day festival has been coordinated by Professor Gail Eisenberg and the students of her Marketing in Not-For Profits class, along with the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement. The class relies heavily on a service-learning component in that various tasks of the implementation of the sale are coupled with important educational themes.

Not only has the class had first-hand experience working with classmates and community leaders, but has also come to terms with what it means to work with a non-profit organization in the global market economy. Additionally, there have been various discussions involving the merits as well as challenges to a fair trade economic system, especially in conversation with the generally more accepted politics of free trade.

The class of 20 students has spent the semester planning and promoting this event. They have been split up into different groups that have been given specific assignments in order to efficiently organize the festival. The campus communication group has been presenting information about Ten Thousand Villages to clubs, fraternities, and sororities, as well as making all the fabulous flyers that you will be seeing around campus in the coming days. The community communications group has been responsible for creating ties with local organizations and handing out flyers to members of the Allentown community. The campus education and buyers group has been informing students about fair trade as well as deciding what products will be most appealing to the College community. The advertising, decorating, and marketing research group has been creating an exit survey and signs to be placed on academic row. The scheduling group is in charge of making sure the event is manned at all times and planning music and dance groups for entertainment during the event. The themed dinner group is planning a dinner in the dining

commons on Nov. 29 where there will be information regarding Ten Thousand Villages and fair trade, as well as a chef-themed Pad Thai dinner and free cookies! The festival takes a lot of hard work and planning and could never come together without the class's two team leaders, Melissa Del Mauro and Abby Possinger.

For years the Marketing in Not-For Profit class has been organizing one of the most successful festival sales among colleges in the country. Thanks to the support we have had, Ten Thousand Villages has been able to help more artisans through fair trade. The mission of Ten Thousand Villages is to provide vital, fair income to third world people by marketing their handcrafts and telling their stories in North America. This non-profit organization works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed. This income helps pay for food, education, health care and housing.

The organization works with over 100 artisan groups in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. They operate under the principles of fair trade which include cash advantages and prompt final payments, a fair price, long-term relationships, design collaboration, and environmental responsibility.

Even though the College would be honored to continue this tradition, it is the last year that we will be hosting the event. There will be a Ten Thousand Villages store opening in the Lehigh Valley Mall, adding to the already 72 fair trade retail stores that exist throughout the country and Canada. These stores are all non-profit organizations that are staffed by volunteers. Ten Thousand Villages has a lot of excess inventory because they purchase a set amount of goods each year, despite economic hard times. As a result, they are now opening more stores in order to sell the extra inventory. Also, this allows us to have a selection of merchandise that is 75% off the original price!

Remember, the festival will occur on the 1st and 2nd of December. The sale goes from 10am-8pm both days and is located in Seegers Union rooms 108-110. There will be a cappella groups and a dance team performing for your entertainment. This is a great way to buy unique, handcrafted holiday gifts for family and friends. This is the only gift that gives back!

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Top Ten Thanksgiving Mishaps

It's that time of year again. The time to give thanks for all of the good things that you have in your life. Or else just that you get to eat turkey, stuffing, and apple pie. Whatever you do for Turkey Day, or wherever you go to celebrate the holiday there are some things that no one wants to see at a Thanksgiving dinner:

- 1) Finding a strand of your cousin's lengthy, flat-ironed hair in the stuffing. Just because it looks good on her head doesn't make it good enough to eat.
- 2) Burnt brown sugar on top of the sweet potatoes. Even worse: burnt marshmallows on top of the sweet potatoes.
- 3) Watery pumpkin pie. Nothing's worse than dessert that looks like it melted. Unless, of course, it's ice cream.
- 4) The mysterious "squash soup" made by the member of your family with the least amount of cooking experience.
- 5) A charred turkey. Nothing's worse, period.
- 6) A relative spending unhealthy amounts of time in the bathroom after over-indulging themselves during dinner.
- 7) The dog eating food off of the table. We speak from experience in saying that when your pup takes a bite out of the cranberry sauce, it's no good for you or the dog.
- 8) Not claiming a spot on the couch fast enough before the turkey-induced tryptophan coma hits. Once your uncles fall asleep, they won't be moving for a while.
- 9) That video of you dressed as a pilgrim from fourth grade. Sure, the adults think it's adorable but it still makes you go red in the face.
- 10) Neglecting to think about all you have to be thankful for. Even if some of the food is burnt, dog-eaten, or not sitting well in your stomach, it's still feeding you and your family on this special holiday. Many families are not so lucky. Even besides the food, we have so much to be thankful for. Let's make sure we don't forget it.

Some thoughts on abroad

BY LAUREN BERNTON
Op/Ed Writer

Ten days pre-departure my journal reads: "I love Allentown. But I never wanted to die there. Three days into the new year and 3,000 miles above the earth, I thought this was the reality crashing towards me. Leaving college at Muhlenberg for home in Denver always means a full day of travel: one commercial sized jet liner (747 usually), one layover, and one so-called, "puddle-jumper," a tiny propeller plane that has about 12 rows and not enough room for my 5'6 figure to stand up straight. It was on the ladder I was preparing to die. I noticed the wind outside when I locked the door to my apartment on 22nd st. the last time for the next six months. As the old and slow lock-ticked into place I was thinking about sad goodbyes, last words, and the end of the semester. Now on the plane I was worried about the end of my life - how tragic that it should end just ten days before my semester abroad in Rome. I shut the shade in the oval plane window, closed my eyes and tried to focus on something other than the careening of the plane and my stomach. I could hear the luggage jumping up and down in the overhead compartment and something the pilot was muttering about fastening seatbelts and putting up tray tables. I was thinking about some of my New Years resolutions - eat healthy, work on my patience, run everyday, start yoga - and how poetic it was that a broad examination of the shortcomings in my life could be juxtaposed so poignantly with an intense desire simply to continue living.

Of course, I wasn't actually going to die. The plane wasn't actually plunging and thundering to the ground. A short 15 minutes after I had thoroughly convinced myself of my own shortly impending mortality in flames and shrapnel the plane leveled out and the fasten seatbelt sign blinked off. In the calmness of the cabin and the relief I felt as the adrenaline left my system; I couldn't help but think of the symbolism and how paramount turbulence was in my life. I was leaving the safety net built by two and a half years at a college I loved - leaving the stability of my 20 year home in Colorado and heading outside my native America to live six months in Rome, one of the greatest and most intimidating cities in human history. In a way, my life as I knew it was slipping away from me. Half a year is a long time to be away, and I spend the rest of the flight reflecting and speculating the different ways our lives are shaped and the different events which might inform them."

I was right: going abroad was one of those incredibly informative events. It was the best and definitely the

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Obama's number one priority



Current Events

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Op/Ed Columnist

Recently back from his 10-day Asian tour, President Obama has returned to Washington with one message: the New START treaty is priority number one. Worried that the new democratically elected Republican-controlled House of Representatives is going to make passing the newly signed START treaty, Obama is trying to push it through the lame-duck congress session as quickly as possible claiming, "I've communicated to Congress that it is a top priority."

The New START treaty is an acronym for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, an agreement between Russia and the United States to gradually reduce the amount of nuclear arms in both countries. The original START 1 treaty was signed July 31, 1991 and was entered into force on December 5, 1994. This first treaty with the Soviet Union prevented the deployment of more than 6,000 nuclear warheads.

On December 5, 2009 the START 1 treaty expired, and after some negotiation, the second treaty, the New START, treaty was signed by both Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and President Obama on April 8, 2010; however, this new treaty has yet to have been ratified in the United States.

This is where the treaty stands today. The question being, will it be ratified, or will it come to a stalemate in Congress? The significant issue at hand here is that while the deliberation and arguing occurs in Congress, the United States cannot oversee any Russian nuclear activity.

While in Yokohama, Japan, Obama promised a "full-court press" on the ratification of the treaty in Congress. In order for the treaty to be passed, it must receive a total of 67 Senate votes. The current Senate consists of 58 out of 100 in the Democratic majority, but next year will only consist of 53. If not passed in

the House prior to the change over, it will be a very difficult feat for the treaty to make it through the Senate because of the necessary two-thirds majority to approve of the treaty.

Prized by Democrats as one of the most important foreign policy moves in history, many are worried that if not passed, the relationship between the United States and Russia will be constrained and the effort for Russia to join the World Trade Organization will be foiled: "A senior administrator official said worries are rising that a failure to ratify the treaty could harm other outreach efforts to Moscow, including cooperation on Afghanistan and efforts to get Russia into the World Trade Organization in Lisbon." Obama is passionately trying to amend and strengthen the relationship between Russia and the United States. The repercussions of reneging on the treaty could permanently affect future communications.

But why is the Republican Party so against this treaty? Senator Jon Kyl from Arizona, the Republican whip, has threatened to block its ratification. Many are quick to jump on condemning the Republican party of being stubborn politicians, yet when the Republicans dominate congress and the Democrats try to block everything passed, they are...? No, just like the Democratic Party, the

Republicans have reasons, beside their hatred of Obama, for being opposed to the treaty.

Senator Kyl strongly opposes the President's priority as being to "reset" relations between the United States and Russia, for a few reasons. The first being that focusing primarily on Russia tells our allies in Eastern Europe that the President has abandoned his commitment to build missile defenses in Poland and the Czech Republic. According to Kyl, this sends a strong message to our allies that their interests are less important than making Russia happy. It additionally, "dealt a severe setback to U.S. efforts to build a missile defense shield capable of protecting Europe and U.S. troops stationed there."

If, however, prioritizing Russia aided in the effort to force Iran to give up their nuclear weapons program, then that would be one thing, but it did not and does not. Instead, Russia is still, "providing Iran's nuclear program with vital support, Russian entities continue to cooperate with Iran's ballistic missile program, and the nation still sells sophisticated military systems to the regime in Tehran". Iran, a nation who we certainly do not want harboring a nuclear arsenal, is being supported and assisted by Russian operatives. Doesn't this seem underhanded and

down -

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The reality of traveling



Today's Issues

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Op/Ed COLUMNIST

Within the last few days the media has been overtaken with stories about "Big Sis" (yes, a variation on Big Brother). The controversy that has arisen is over the new screening procedure being implemented by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). The program, which was approved by the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of that Department, Janet Napolitano, is being used specifically in airport security and involves some questionable steps. Americans across the country, travelers, pilots, and other frequent flyers, are protesting the new program, and some are simply refusing to cooperate.

What is the TSA doing that has sparked such a backlash? In airports across the United States, the TSA has started using Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT). This is more widely referred to as X-ray scanners or the system that can see passengers "naked." According to Secretary Napolitano, this new technology provides the TSA and other airport security personnel with a highly effective tool to detect well "concealed metal and non-metal threats on passengers." In addition to the AIT technology, Americans seem to be becoming outraged over the alternative to the scanners, the traditional pat-down. Earlier this week, the famed "Don't touch my junk" passenger made headlines by refusing the scans and sharply criticizing the pat-down procedure. Many Americans have come to the conclusion that these new additions to our airport security strategy are violations of our right to privacy and are simply unnecessary.

The entire issue has blown up into a hyped up media sensation. This debate over privacy and necessity most recently came up during the heated discussion over the domestic wiretap program and the immunity granted to telecom companies that help to run the program. That was yesterday's story, and AIT scanning and pat-downs are today's. It seems somewhat ironic to see Republicans and conservatives, many of whom probably stood behind President Bush's equally controversial domestic security programs, speak out against the TSA's new

methods. They, along with other ardent opponents of the program, have taken up the cause of protecting civil liberties and fighting against an all too intrusive Big Sis.

With such a heated debate, the facts are often left out. In reality, the privacy and security precautions taken by the TSA and the Department of Homeland Security are quite extensive. So far critics have painted a picture of a bunch of perverted TSA employees gathered around a screen watching every passenger pass through the scanner. This was the case with the wiretapping controversy, thoughts of NSA analysts eagerly listening to each and every one of our private conversations for the latest gossip. Do we really think our security officials are doing that? Believe it or not, they have jobs to do and take their responsibilities in protecting American lives seriously. We shouldn't be so pessimistic and doubt the integrity of the men and women that keep us safe.

Let's go back to the specifics of the AIT scanners. First of all, the scanners are perfectly safe to our health. Second, the viewing room where the images are generated is located in a sealed-off room that is not in the public's view and there are not any viewing screens at the scanning locations themselves. Third, the TSA officer walking passengers through the AIT scanner never views the images and the TSA officer analyzing the images never sees the passenger in person. Finally, the AIT technology does not have

the ability to save, send, or print any images generated by the scanner.

In the event that a passenger refuses a scan, which will probably be taken by a number of people, they can have the option of a pat-down. The pat-downs follow a similar procedure to those conducted by police officers and seek to provide as much privacy and security precautions as the AIT scanning. Passengers opting for a pat-down are checked by a same-gender officer, can be checked in a private screening room, and can bring a fellow traveler in as a witness to the pat-down.

The point of the AIT scans and the pat-downs is not to subject us to uncomfortable security measures, but to make our airports safe, protect all of us law-abiding passengers, and to prevent terrorists from making their way onto planes. The Department of Homeland Security has not put this program together without planning or taking our privacy concerns into consideration. Judging by the guidelines and safeguards taken by the TSA to protect our privacy, much thought did go into this new security policy.

If the TSA's new security measures are the final straw and prove to be completely unacceptable to American passengers, then American airports ought to simply replace the TSA with private security companies. According to the original 2001 TSA authorization bill, airports were only required to have TSA officers run their se-

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most influential decisions I've made in my life. Yet now, after my tan has faded and my bags were unpacked, sometimes I feel all that's left is the sadness of missing people and places. So much so it seems tangible sometimes; it pulls me a way from where I am and brings me back to those cobblestone streets so vividly I could touch them almost. At other points my experiences there exist in a sort of dream state: in front of me one minute, gone the next, and leaving me to wonder—did it really happen?

Most who go abroad will agree that it's hard to articulate precisely the effect going abroad has on one's life. Retrospection is hard at this point, but there is one conviction I hold true: DO IT. If you have the chance it's worth taking it. Even through the anxiety I felt pre-departure, and the sometimes - difficulty re-adjusting stateside, I know intuitively that living in Rome has indeed positively informed my life.

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The problem with Democracy



View from the Left

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Op/Ed COLUMNIST

In its recent years, the Left, and allow my gross generalizing here, has rallied for an amended type of democracy - one that is often times referred to as "direct democracy." This amended form calls for more public participation in the government's decisions. Aristotle's *Republic* has appeared again before the social Democrats, as if it had finally surfaced among the piles of Keynesian economics textbooks and Randian rants. Although the premise of "giving the power to the people," at least rhetorically, is readily digestible to those aspiring to restore democracy, it does little more than act as a smokescreen for the inherent problems with democracy in all its various forms.

I challenge so-called Lefties to unpack the nature of democracy with the full

understanding that it will inevitably lead to the realization of the necessity for its complete abolition.

In this article, I will call upon the powers of Emma Goldman to lead us through the archetypal anarchist critique of democracy. This will be achieved through expanding our understandings of alienation, decontextualized decision making, majority-rule, and how gosh darn good democracy is at maintaining and reproducing itself.

But before all of that fun stuff, we'll need to construct an operational definition of democracy, one that allows for such a critique while still appropriately describing its nature and function. Democracy is a theory of government (did you pick up on the first flaw?) where the law reflects the will of the majority as determined via voting.

The critique of democracy, to be transparent, is built on the assumption that people deserve the right to turn thought into action, desires into free pursuits. Anything that challenges these freedoms, such as private property, hegemony, and democracy are inherently problematic in that they cause alienation, or a more common term, marginalization. Because democracy in a state application rarely, if ever, pleases everyone completely, two groups are created: one that gets what it wants, and one that doesn't. Furthermore, the structure of democracy requires that our desires be separate from our power to act, since the system requires that we participate in giving up our ability to perform actions to elected representatives or to the dominant power, that is, the majority. There-

fore, democracy takes away the freedom of individuals to act and reserves it for the mechanics of the system.

Democracy additionally takes away the contexts in which decisions are made in order to construct universal-laws. For any vote, we are reducing a complex issue into a yes or no decision. Such binary solutions quell any sort of intellectual discourse in which a yes or no answer may not be sufficient. Also, as these decisions are instituted into law, the original and complex context under which that decision was made is then assumed for all situations in which that law applies. Countless complex discourses have been lost to this decontextualizing and polarizing effect, a notable example being *Roe v. Wade*. Those that have power in the democratic system get to set the premises for the selection between two polarized "choices," in turn avoiding compromise or acknowledgement of the lack of viewpoints.

Democracy, by nature, serves the interest of the majority. The group that constitutes the majority has made their decision based on a set of values. These values are not some universal truth, but rather a construction of the power of being part of an in-group. This is highly problematic. All groups, by their definition, unite for their shared values and identities.

Unfortunately, one of those groups is allowed to be justified in those values, while the abject other groups are demoralized and disenfranchised, not necessarily because of the validity of their ideas, but because of their failure to adhere to the norms set by the dominant group. It

is not difficult to understand why people would want to identify within this dominant group, as tangible power is awarded to them. With that power, they secure the status quo with the best technique: democracy. As Goldman famously said, "If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal."

As demonstrated, some people, that is the people in power, do very well in a democracy. In fact, democracy serves them so well, that it makes sense to spread it. America's leaders do this act of greed on a regular basis, and best yet, mask it all in a façade of the sharing of freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Whether it be setting up elections in Iraq or funding a coup of a Left socialist regime, the dominant majority has expanded its reach of exploitation to any nation too downtrodden by economic dependence to put up a fair fight. Democracy is, in its cascade effect, extremely successful at reproduction.

Furthermore, everything that we do within the system of democracy inevitably perpetuates the system, leading to the preservation of the status quo. With every vote that we make, we are doing nothing more but kidding ourselves in thinking that we are solving the greater problem. Sure, votes can create slight shifts in the seats of power, but nothing that eliminates the structure of hierarchy and alienation.

Blinded by these problems with democracy, we are satisfied when one capitalist party assumes power from another capitalist party or when one millionaire politician takes the seat of another millionaire politician.

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curity for two years. It has been well over two years since 2001, so if the majority of American travelers desire a change then airports can scrap the TSA program.

Keeping all of these issues in mind, we must not forget the reasoning behind the start of these seemingly over-the-top security measures. Come Christmas Day this year, it will have been one year since the attempt-

ed Christmas Day bombing of 2009 was stopped. The terrorist that tried to detonate a bomb made of plastic explosives on a Northwest Airlines flight headed to Detroit is just one of many examples of foiled plots. This specific incident involved the terrorist sewing the non-metallic explosives into his underwear, going undetected. The memory of 9/11 and car bombings is still fresh, but, as we have seen, radical terrorists have placed those methods in the past and have moved on to more un-

conventional, unpredictable ways to kill. Our busy holiday travel time is here and the security threat we face is surely heightened. We need to allow those charged with protecting us to adapt to the changing tactics used by our enemies. We, as law abiding Americans, have nothing to hide and should work with our security officials to crack down on terrorism in our airports. The use of AIT scanners and pat-downs is another part in the overall strategy to keep terrorism out of our way.

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right
wrong.

If the New START treaty is passed, over the next seven years both the United States and Russia will have to cut down their nuclear arsenals by nearly a third; however, this does not stop Russia from helping Iran build its nuclear stockpile.

Why wouldn't Russia simply "donate" the third of their arsenal that they must get rid of to Iran? That certainly seems plausible, does it not? President Obama made several promises when he ran for office, many that he has not or will not fulfill, like that of the building of missile defenses. In the eyes of Republicans,

our nations security and safety comes first. It has always been said that you must always keep your friends close, and your enemies closer; but in this case we are turning a cold shoulder to our allies and endangering our troops abroad, while quickly opening our arms to our enemies. The treaty does need to be a

priority in Congress, primarily because at the expiration of START I we lost all means to monitor Russia's nuclear forces; however, we cannot allow Russia to aid in strengthening Iran's nuclear arsenal while we weaken ours. Rushing this treaty through Congress is irresponsible, and will leave our nation vulnerable.

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Scotty Wood: a history

BY CARLA DRUMHEISER
NEWS WRITER

By now, you've probably seen the posters, flyers, Facebook invites, and maybe even received a knock on your door from the Mule promoting Scotty Wood. That's because The Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament is celebrating its 29th anniversary this weekend, and the whole campus is buzzing.

The tournament began in 1982 in an attempt to unite the College community. Lacking sponsorship and support, however, it proved unsuccessful. It has since evolved into a weekend celebration with plenty of entertainment, prizes, and of course, basketball.

The Scotty Wood Tournament is named for Milton W. "Scotty" Wood, the founder of Wood Dining Services, which still operates on campus under Sodexo. In the 1940's Wood owned a small sandwich shop in inter-city Allentown called the Home Restaurant. The College Basketball team frequented the shop, hungry after practices. Wood eventually branched off into dining services, providing food to our campus. In the early 80's, the College approached Wood Services for help. Robert Wood, Scotty's son, led the renewal of the tournament, under a new name, the Scotty Wood Tournament. In 1999, the College honored Scotty Wood by renaming the football stadium in his name, and inducting him into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002. Just recently, the College's new campus

restaurant was dubbed the Ilene and Robert Wood Dining Commons, in honor of everything they have done for the College and the community.

Since 1986, the goal of the Scotty Wood Tournament was to raise student participation and a sense of college unity and pride. It was decided that all advertising and



promotions would be handled by a team of students in the Marketing Management class, and their professor. This semester, they have been hard at work selling T-shirts, sunglasses, and rally towels, collecting raffle prizes, and organizing events. They promise this year's tournament

will be the most entertaining, and most interactive.


The tournament kicks off this Fri. Nov. 19, with both men's and women's basketball games. There are eight teams participating in total: Lehman College, Richard College, Gallaudet University, Wilkes University, College of Mt. St. Vincent, Rosemont College, and Muhlenberg College. The games start at 1pm, and Muhlenberg Women and Men play at 6pm and 8pm, respectively. The Consolation and Championship games begin Saturday afternoon, going into Saturday evening.

This year's Marketing team has plenty of fun and exciting events planned for the tournament itself. There will be performances from Mint*, the Perkulators, and several a cappella groups, as well as community performance groups. There will be games, including Minute-To-Win-It contests, a Sumo wrestling match, and the 3 vs. 3 tournament championship game. Plenty of prizes will be raffled off, including 7th row tickets to a Sixers/Lakers game and The Best Seat in The House, and of course, there will be tons of free give-aways. T-shirts and bundle packs will also be sold during all games.

So come support Muhlenberg Athletics and our Men's and Women's Basketball teams! Cheer them on to the championship, wear your Scotty Wood T-shirt, wave your rally towels, and have a great time. Oh, and the Mule will be there!




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political in a celebratory manner. At the time of the start of *Rent*, a fundamental shift was beginning in the way that people relate to illness. In the past, people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS or cancer were labeled as dying. *Rent* helped to stir the new belief that people with AIDS or cancer are living with their illness, not simply marked for death.

Rapp expressed his appreciation for being a part of such an impactful movement. "It was so meaningful to be part of this thing that was much bigger than me, and much bigger than all of us," he said.

The show became much more meaningful for Rapp and the rest of the cast after the tragedy that shook the New York Theatre Workshop. Writer Larson, who had experienced a few minor health setbacks during rehearsals, collapsed in his apartment after the first, incredibly well-received performance. He was found dead on Jan. 25, 1996, a day that has lived in shadow for *Rent* fans ever since.

The ensuing story of the performance that Rapp and his cast mates performed that day for Larson's friends and family had the audience practically holding its breath. "There was no way that we could stop the work that we had done," he explained, but the pain that the cast felt was incredible.

That night's show began with the cast sitting in chairs on the stage, singing Larson's work in a simple, honor-filled setting. As the show went on, however, Rapp

realized that what they were feeling in that moment was "exactly what the show was about."

It's about embracing the fact that even close to death, we can celebrate and live life as fully as we can. After that, they performed the show with as much gusto and joy as they did every other night, in honor of the brilliant man who wrote it all.



Anthony Rapp offers advice to aspiring actors

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA

my life." As Rapp's talk proved, the show has really opened people's eyes to so many issues. "It's part of people's lives in a very beautiful way."

Since the show's beginnings in 1994, *Rent* has won 4 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and Jonathan Larson received 3 posthumous Tonys and a Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The show has become a classic, and its impact has only grown over time. For Rapp, the meaning grew stronger after his mother passed away after her battle with cancer.

It was this experience, along with Larson's death, that led to Rapp's book *Without You*. The book was published around the same time as the movie adaptation of *Rent*, which Rapp also believed to be a life-changing experience. Unlike most movie versions of theatrical shows, 6 of the 8 original play actors were cast for the same roles in the movie, including Rapp.

Between the movie and his experience performing it on the stage, Rapp called *Rent*

Seniors...ready for life after Muhlenberg?

By RACHEL ALBERT
NEWS WRITER

Class of 2011, have you started to think about your plans after graduation? Whether you have or have not, Reality MC provides you the opportunity to develop personal, finance, and life management skills to take with you after college. Reality MC is a three-day program that takes place on campus. It will run from Friday, January 14, 2010 to Sunday, January 16, 2010, the weekend before Spring Semester starts. The program is limited to the first 100 seniors to register, so be sure to sign up soon!

Muhlenberg held the first Reality MC in 2009. Now in its third year, the weekend will incorporate the sessions that past participants believed were most informative and relevant in helping them succeed after college.

During Reality MC, seniors take part in a variety of programs and have informal sessions for reflection and conversation. Program topics range from networking skills, to how to handle your money, to cooking and apartment advice. Here are a few descriptions of some of the sessions that will take place:

What will you do with the knowledge you have gained from your four years at Muhlenberg? In "Where do we go from here", you will learn how to capitalize on your Strengths, to become a top performer in all areas of your life. You will also have the opportunity to use StrengthsQuest, an instrument that measures your strengths and talents, to learn how they influence your communication, leadership, education, goal setting, and career success.

Need to brush up on your networking skills? While Facebook and Twitter can be useful, "Speed Networking" will go over the best ways to share information about yourself that will enable others to help you. Tips from this session will prepare you

for the Saturday night's Alumni Cocktail Reception.

Nervous about that first interview? While public speaking can be frightening, the interactive and engaging session, "Survivor: You Are What You Speak", will provide advice about what habits will enhance or detract from how you come across to others. Individual communication and group presentation skills will also be discussed.

Unsure of how to handle your money? "Love Your Money" will go over best practices in investing, savings and checking accounts, credit cards, credit reports, and more. A separate session will also be held specifically on taxes.

Planning to rent your first apartment? Do you need to improve your cooking skills? If so, there will be sessions focused on these basic life skills. "Getting your first apartment" will explain what you need to know about leases, apartment terms, credit issues, and brokers. "The Cooking Essentials" will provide tips and advice about how to prepare food and maintain a clean, safe cooking space, so you feel comfortable cooking for yourself. This session will also prepare you for the "Top Chef Cook Off", Friday night's evening activity.

For more information on the Reality MC session, or to print out the registration form, visit <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/campuslife/sye/realitymc2011.html>.

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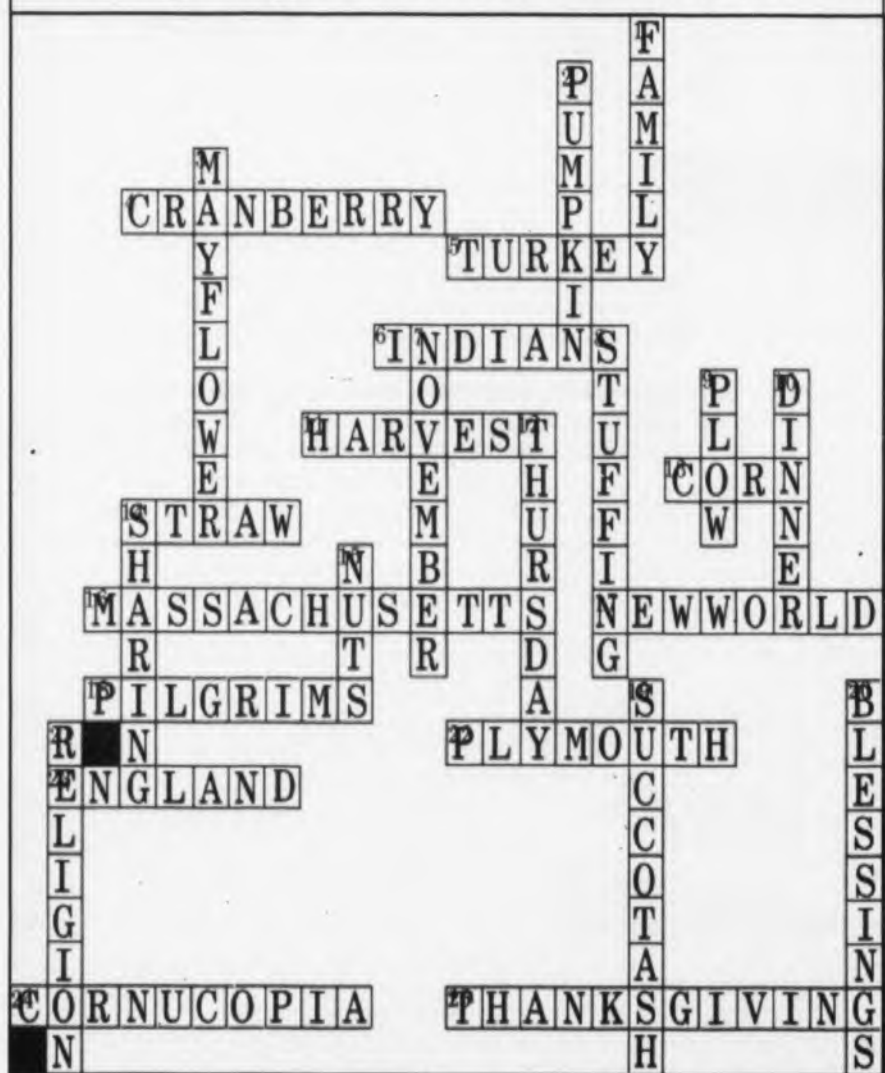
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Nov. 8 – Institutional Vandalism – In Trexler Library, B Level, there was a report of vandalism found in the bathroom. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 8 – Found Property – In Moyer Hall, there was a report of a found wallet. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at Campus Safety.

Nov. 8 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found earring. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 8 – Found Property – In the Brown mall, there was a report of a found bicycle. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Nov. 8 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival nothing was found that would set off the detector. An electrician was notified and responded. The system was silenced and reset.

Nov. 8 – Larceny/Theft – In Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of theft of credit cards from a purse. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 8 – Larceny/Theft from Vehicle – In Seegers Union, there was a report of theft of a jacket. The jacket was later returned to the owner.

Nov. 9 – Found Property – In the Brown mall, there was a report of a found laptop. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The item was later returned to the owner.

Nov. 9 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost diamond and white gold pendant.

Nov. 9 – Sick Student – In the Life Sports Center, office areas, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded along with Allentown EMS. Allentown EMS transported the individual to the hospital.

Nov. 9 – Found Property – On the back drive, there was a report of a found gym bag. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner later claimed the item.

Nov. 9 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was notified and claimed the item.

Nov. 9 – Larceny/Theft from Vehicle – On Liberty St., there was a report of a broken vehicle window. An iPod was taken and the CD player was vandalized. There are no suspects at this time. Students are reminded to keep belongings out of vehicles or out of plain view in their vehicles.

Nov. 9 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a found car opener. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 9 – Lost Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Nov. 10 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of a found iPod. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Nov. 10 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival nothing was found that would have set off the detector. An electrician was notified to respond. The

system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 10 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of vandalism. Spray paint was found on the floor. An individual was identified and spoken to. Residential Services were notified.

Nov. 10 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of several found items. It is unknown when the items were turned in or whom the items belong to. The items include a calculus book, a blue spiral notebook, two scarves, a jacket, a watch, and a pull tie backpack. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 10 – Larceny/Theft – In the East Hall fire lane, there was a report of a stolen bicycle. The bicycle was later found and was returned to the owner.

Nov. 10 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Nov. 10 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of four found student ID cards. Messages were left with the owners to pick up the items at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 10 – Institutional Vandalism – In Trexler Library, there was a report of vandalism found in the bathroom. A Campus Safety officer identified an individual. A letter of trespass was issued.

Nov. 11 – Suspicious Person – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a suspicious person. An individual was identified and was spoken to. There was no further incident.

Nov. 11 – Suspicious Person – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of another suspicious person. The area was checked and the individual could not be found.

Nov. 11 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of three found student ID cards and a pair of sunglasses. The students were notified to pick up the IDs at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 11 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 12 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the ID at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 12 – Found Property – Off campus, there was a report of a found purse. The owner was notified and claimed the item.

Nov. 12 – Sick Student – On campus, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the individual to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 12 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of vandalism. A paper towel dispenser was ripped off the wall. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to replace the dispenser.

Nov. 12 – Institutional Vandalism – In Parents Plaza, there was a report of graffiti found on a garbage can. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to remove the graffiti.

Nov. 12 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Brown/Walz

fire lane, there was a report of vandalism to the fire lane chain. There are no suspects at this time. The cost to replace the chain is \$21.

Nov. 12 – Injured Student – On campus, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 12 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of two found student ID cards. One ID card was returned to the owner. The other ID card was placed in the Campus Safety office for the owner to pick up.

Nov. 12 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of two found empty wine bottles. It is unknown who left the bottles. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the bottles.

Nov. 13 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2241 Liberty St., there was a report of vandalism to a window. A Campus Safety officer checked the residence and concluded that nothing was taken. There are no suspects at this time. Residential Services were notified.

Nov. 13 – Found Property – In the Prosser Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found AAA card. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 13 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of a found drivers license. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2239 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to baby powder. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 13 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a report of a theft of a purse.

Nov. 13 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several unopened cans were taken and discarded by a Campus Safety officer. Letters of no trespass will be issued to two guests. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 14 – Fight in Progress – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fight. Upon arrival the individuals were identified and spoken to. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 14 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS was called and transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 14 – Harassment – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of harassment. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 14 – Lost Property – In Trexler Library, C Level, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Nov. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 14 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Sometimes it's the smallest decisions that can change your life forever."

- Keri Russell

Muhlenberg Idol : Winner Felix Mayes!

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The annual Muhlenberg Idol competition occurred this past Wednesday with a fantastic group of contestants. Based on the reality television phenomenon, American Idol, the College's own competition is based on the singing ability as well as stage presence of the performers. There were seven contestants who battled it out to the third and final round to see who would be the next Muhlenberg Idol.

The competition was planned and organized by the Class Councils of 2011 and 2012, with Liz Martini '11 and Ally Giordano '12 at the forefront. The event would not have been possible without their hard work and determination.

The contestants this year came from a variety of backgrounds and class years. They went through an audition round before finally making it to the actual selection for the night's event. The seven contestants were: Brooke Benedetto, Caroline Gadonas, Molly Gervis, Felix Mayes, Joel Reitz, Ethan Sachs, and Zach Turner. Anyone who attended the show can agree that each and every contestant did a fabulous job of performing for the audience.

The judges this year were Mike Bruckner, the Vice President of Public Relations, Christine Lake, Assistant Director of Seegers Union, and Patti Mittleman, the Director of Hillel. Each judge brought something different to the table whether it was Lake's extensive music knowledge, Bruckner's wit, or Mittleman's sheer kindness; it was evident that it wasn't only the contestants and audience who were having fun.

The show wouldn't have gone on without the animated duo of hosts - Phil Weisgold and Emma Taffet, who brought comic relief and humor to the show.

The first round of the competition was Billboard Top 100s from 2007-Present. Songs ranged from Daughtry's "September" sung by Zach Turner to a uniquely different version of Jay Sean's "Down" sung by Caroline Gadonas.

While the first round of votes were being counted - the judges tallies in addition to the number of tickets each contestant was able to sell - the judges led the audience in a rendition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" complete with authentic dance moves.

The second round was 80s songs which definitely got the audience involved - clapping and singing along with the contestants. Brooke Benedetto belted out Whitney Houston's "Wanna Dance with Somebody" to a standing ovation and Molly Gervis had the crowd yelling for more with her selection of Bonnie Tyler's "Holding out for a Hero".

After the second round the hosts had the five contestants of the second round line up on the stage so that they could be interrogated on pop culture references. Felix Mayes was asked if he could teach the audience "how to dougie" and Zach Turner was asked if he could define what a "rude boy" was. Eventually the votes were tallied and the final three contestants were announced: Brooke Benedetto, Felix Mayes, and Zach Turner.

The third and final round consisted of a song chosen by each contestant. Benedetto gave an accomplished performance of "Gimme, Gimme" from the Broadway show "Thoroughly Modern Millie". Turner emotionally sang "Mayberry" by Rascall Flatts. However, Felix Mayes stole the show with his powerful take on "Feeling Good".

Even though all the contestants are to be congratulated on their performances, Felix Mayes brought something that no one else did. He consistently performed above all the rest throughout the three rounds. Mike Bruckner captured it most eloquently saying Mayes brought "versatility, likeability, and just plain ability" to the stage. Mayes was awarded the prestigious title of "Idol" in addition to a gift certificate to Bay Leaf restaurant in Allentown.

Congratulations to Felix Mayes on becoming the next Muhlenberg Idol!



Emma Taffet '13 and Phil Weisgold '12 host 'Berg Idol.

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The winner Felix Mayes '12.

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Question of the Week:

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?



"Sweet Potatoes"

-Evan Kasakove '14



"Crouions"

-Katie Sarisohn '12



"Lasagna"

-Maggie Bernhard '11



"Turkey"

-Lindsay Coburn '14



"Stuffing"

-Daniel Wayne '11

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Dance for A Cure takes a step on the path to battle cancer

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

On Fri. Nov. 12 from
10:00 p.m. to 12:00
a.m., the Community

Service office hosted a fundraiser, Dance for A Cure, for the American Cancer Society. Amanda Heiberger '12 and Ashley Greenberg '12 were two of the members of the committee, which ran the event. The dance took place in the old Garden Room, now known as the Event Space, and cost \$5 per person. All of the proceeds went directly to the American Cancer Society.

Dance for A Cure really energized the campus as individuals from many clubs and other student organizations came together to support the cause, especially the majority of Greek life on campus, which added greatly to the enthusiasm of the dance party. "I loved how involved Greek life was at the dance," Jackie Macedo '13 said of the active participation of the Greek community.

Besides the variety of music that was played throughout the night by Andy Zepp '12, there was a great display of desserts for everyone to enjoy, including brownies, pretzels, pumpkin-shaped cookies with sprinkles, along with bowls of punch. The array of desserts allowed for a great

opportunity to rest throbbing feet and earn back the calories lost while dancing. The decor of the room consisted of balloons, confetti, and a display of lights, which added excitement to the crowded dance floor.

The energy was so high that groups of girls were inspired to get up in front of the entire room and show off their choreographed dancing skills.

When asked if she thought the event was a success, Ally Legregin '13 said, "I thought it was a great way to raise money. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and it was for an awesome cause

that affects so many people."

I would have to agree with Ally regarding the mood of the night. Everyone was in great spirits as they dressed up in their best attire. Women were beautifully made up with dresses, high heels, and makeup, while the gentlemen presented themselves well in suits, ties, and dress shoes.

Everyone left the event satisfied that they had had a fun night, while at the same time contributing to a good cause. This was a memorable event for the Community Service office and all who will benefit from the \$1,500 in proceeds.

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Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Festival

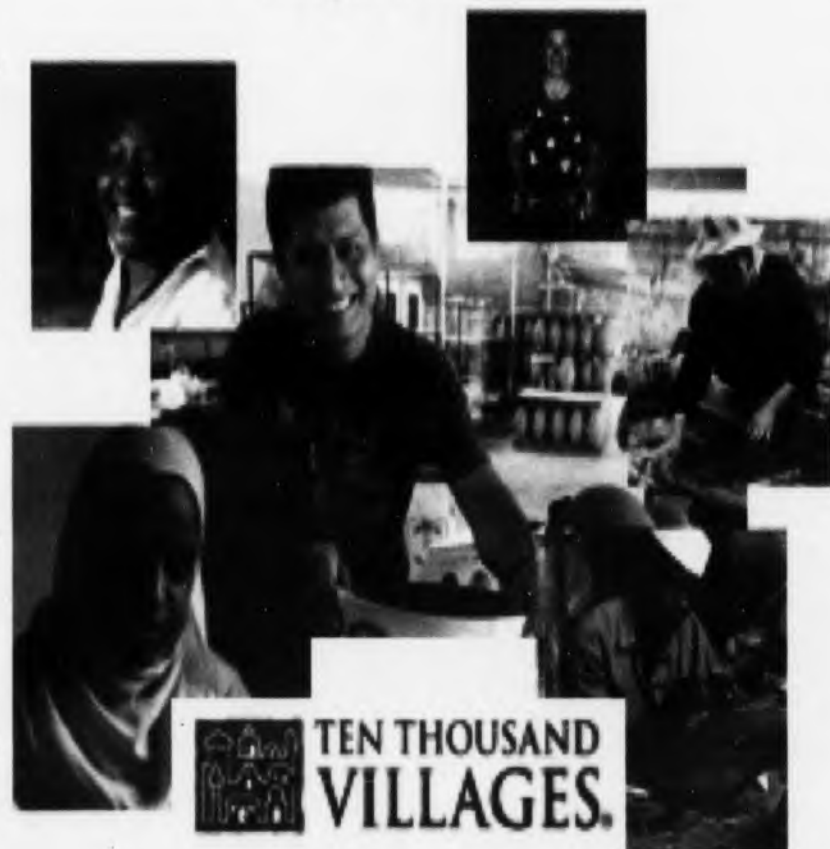
December 1 & 2

10am - 8pm

Seeger's Union

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- ☛ Ten Thousand Villages encourages their staff and artisan partners to employ sustainable practices.



Restaurant Reviews

Tika's Restaurant & Lounge; The Confetti Cafe

By ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

This past Saturday night on Nov. 16 my friends Jessica, Anna,

Nick, and Liz went out to dinner in Historic Bethlehem. We originally wanted to go to Mama Nina's Focacheria, which is a tiny authentic Italian restaurant right along the strip of Main Street in Historic Bethlehem, but the line was nearly around the corner so we immediately changed our plans! Since Main Street is dotted up and down with restaurants, we didn't have to wander far to find our next stop: Tika's Restaurant & Lounge.

Located on a corner, this restaurant is home to a mixed-cuisine of Tex-Mex, comfort food, and seafood. According to their website, they are known to have a "bit of everything," so you can't go wrong! Upon entering, we were warmly greeted by Tika herself, a cheerful and inviting woman who was thrilled to see us come in. We were seated at a large booth in the back of the lounge section of the restaurant, which was conveniently located near a TV that was playing college football (for anyone who loves college football, get excited). The lights were dimly lit, and there were interesting tiki statues on the walls. The lounge had the feel of a cross between a sports bar, because of the big TV's, but also of a swanky city-style bar where classy people of-age can sip cosmopolitans at a table next to a window. The restaurant side was also very nice, but casual dress is absolutely appropriate, no need to get too dressed up!

Out of all of the food we ordered, the best was the Pulled Pork Sandwich! If pulled pork is your thing, be prepared to eat a lot of it, because it's a BIG sandwich, but it's worth it! I ordered the Crab Cake Wrap, which was pretty good as well, but my favorite by far was the pulled pork. The menu consists of Starters, Sandwiches & Wraps, Burgers, and full-fledged

The Confetti Cafe is an adorable ice cream and dessert shop that you'd expect to see in the scene of a first date in a movie - it's perfect inside.

Entrees. The pricing varies depending on what you order, with the Entrees being the most pricey, but if you're planning on getting a Starter and a Sandwich, Wrap, or Burger, you shouldn't spend more than \$15.00, which is a great deal! There isn't a dessert menu, but we asked our waitress, Lauren, if there were any options, and she told us about different cakes that were being offered. I was sold the second I heard "Chocolate Fudge Cake," but before she put my order in she recommended we travel down to The Confetti Cafe for ice cream, since none of us had ever been. So we did!

The Confetti Cafe is an adorable ice cream and dessert shop that you'd expect to see in the scene of a first date in a movie--it's perfect inside! Everything is decorated in pastel colors, and there are hanging light fixtures over the counter that are reminiscent of a 50's Malt Shop. There are lots of different ice cream flavors, such as Pumpkin, Chocolate Peanut Butter, and Cake Batter, and there are also a lot of regular dessert options! You can go there for lunch too; they offer really healthy sandwiches, salads, and soups. Feel free to find them on Facebook!

I asked Lauren, our waitress from Tika's what she thinks of Bethlehem as a destination spot for students. She said that she grew up in Bethlehem, and is very excited to see the changes that are happening. There's a lot more to do than many people realize; there are boutiques and a clothing exchange called The Attic which Lauren highly recommends, and there are awesome restaurants for anyone's taste buds. I think the Historic strip of Bethlehem is an area that Muhlenberg students desperately need to take advantage of while they're here. It has the atmosphere that many wish downtown Allentown had more of, and it's only 15 minutes away!

Grab a friend, drive East on 22 on a Saturday afternoon, and go have fun!

Hotel Bethlehem: The Tap Room

By ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

Ever traveled over to the Historic District of Bethlehem? Well it might just be the exact picturesque

downtown that you've always wished Allentown was. Lined with boutiques, tons of restaurants, and cozy cafés, the Historic District is a fun destination for anyone looking for an afternoon or evening outside of campus, and it's only 15 minutes away!

This past weekend, my family and I decided to go to dinner in this part of Bethlehem after spending an afternoon there. Most of the restaurants were extremely busy or full with reservations, so we ended up going to the Hotel Bethlehem's Tap Room for dinner. The Hotel Bethlehem is a historic hotel--hence the Historic District--that has been remodeled to modern comforts but still contains its Victorian charm. There are two restaurants in the Hotel: 1741 on the Terrace, which is a classy dining room restaurant located up a grand staircase to the left of the hotel entrance, and the Tap Room, which is a casual lounge-style restaurant.

My family and I ate at the Tap Room on Saturday night, which was also the night of someone's wedding, so we were able to hear all of everyone's favorite dance hits as we ate our meal--I actually really enjoyed it! For anyone of age, my Mom wanted me to include in this review that the Tap Room has a great wine list, but unfortunately I can't incorporate my

own opinion on the matter since I'm not 21. However, I will definitely say that the food was great. I wasn't too hungry since I ate a bagel at Johnny's Bagels earlier that afternoon, which is actually located down the street from the Hotel Bethlehem. I

The Hotel Bethlehem is a place for parents to stay during Family Weekend... The Tap Room is worth a trip for a classy night out on the town.

ordered the Hummus & Pita appetizer, which was pretty good, the pita was more like naan, which I am a huge fan of, so I was happy. I also ordered a Caesar Salad for my entree, which was really good. If you're one of those people who always ends up ordering a Caesar Salad no matter where you go, the Tap Room is a great choice to continue that habit. Both my Mom and my twin sister Ava ordered the Short Ribs which looked and tasted incredible! We didn't order dessert, which is very unlike me, but I saw some of the desserts that were being brought out for other customers and they looked amazing so I suggest that you order dessert because I'm sure you can't go wrong.

Overall, the restaurant is a bit pricey, but the Hotel Bethlehem is a place for parents to stay during Family Weekend, so I'm sure your parents will be happy to pay for your meal! The Tap Room is worth a trip for a classy night out on the town, and so is the rest of Bethlehem's Historic District!

It's only 15 minutes away, what are you waiting for? Enjoy the Tap Room or simply take a stroll through Bethlehem's Historic District. Grab a friend (or your parents!) and go have fun!

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Weekend Listings



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Fri. 7:30, 9:40, 10:40
Sat. 7:30, 9:40, 10:40
Sun. 4:10, 6:30, 7:30

Megamind

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 2:40, 5:00, 7:50

Morning Glory

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:20

Unstoppable

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:30, 5:20, 8:00

Skyline

Fri. 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:00, 4:40, 7:10

The Next Three Days

Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:00

Dance Flashmob takes over the Wood Commons Dining Hall

By KELSEY HUTCHISON
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

On the sixteenth of Nov. in the Wood Commons Dining Hall at 6:15pm it was clear that something big was about to happen. The first indication was how full the dining hall was; there wasn't a table open and several students had to eat standing. By 6:20pm it was slightly conspicuous how many dancers were in attendance. Members of the Muhlenberg Dance and Theatre Associations could be spotted throughout the dining hall waiting in anticipation. At 6:30pm the song "Hey Baby" was broadcast over the dining hall's loud speakers and the flashmob began! Out of nowhere, students that a second before had been sitting down eating their dinner jumped up and raced to the middle of the room to join in the dance. The dancers energetically pivot-turned, pumped their fists, and waved their arms in the air in an ocean of movement. Then, as soon as the music stopped, the dancers dispersed as if nothing had happened. All in all, it was a huge success in bringing people together that were excited about dance. The flashmob was organized by AlexJo Natale, class of '12 representative, on the behalf of the Muhlenberg Dance Association to promote the student choreographed dance concert, *Moving Stories*, which opens this Thurs., the 18th, and runs through Sat. the 19th with shows at 8pm Thurs. through Sat. and an extra 2pm show on Sat.



Dancers waving their arms in an ocean of movement.

PHOTO BY KELSEY HUTCHISON

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Nov. 18

- 1) *Moving Stories* dance concert is being held in the Baker Theater at 8 p.m.
- 2) DIY Film Festival is being held where in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 19

- 1) Scotty Wood Tournament is being held at the Memorial Hall/Field house all day from 1 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 2) *Moving Stories* dance concert is being held in the Baker Theater at 8 p.m.

- 3) Justin William host of the *Cupcake Wars* aka Justin Kredible the comedian/magician at the Red Door from 10 p.m.- 11 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 20

- 1) Scotty Wood Tournament is being held at the Memorial Hall/Field house all day from 1 p.m.-8 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 21

- 1) Zumba at the LSC Field House from 6:45 pm-8:00 p.m.

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Moving Stories



Nov. 18 - 20

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Hey everyone for the dance this Fri. Nov. 19, you can buy your tickets at the door, but you can buy them in Seeger's this week for \$2. Look for our table around meal times all week. Mon. - Wed in the main lobby, and Thurs. - Fri. in the light lounge. Also you can buy a shirt if you are interested for \$10. There will be numerous DJs performing Fri., so come out and support our cause!

The Messiah:

A Soulful Celebration of Dance

By MATT LEVY
LIFE WRITER

Cedar Crest Dance Company presents original choreography to the Grammy Award winning gospel album titled *Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration*.

The album has been widely praised for its use of multiple genres of African-American music, including spirituals, blues, ragtime, big band, jazz-fusion, R&B, and hip hop.

The tracks on the album were so inspiring, the album not only received the 1992 Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Soul Gospel Album, but it also won the 1992 Dove Award for Contemporary Gospel Album of the Year. In 1993, the various recording artists participating in the project were collectively nominated for the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Gospel Artist. The album was such a success that in 1992 it peaked to #11 on the chart of the Top R&B albums, it peaked to #82 on the chart of the Top Billboard 200, it peaked to #3 on the chart of the Top Gospel Albums, and it peaked to #13 on the chart of the Top Contemporary Christian Albums. The album is a reinterpretation of the oratorio by George Frederick Handel. Artistic direction of the performance is by Robin Gerchman.

This presentation of expression will introduce the Messiah to you in terms you may not have thought of before. The show is running from December 3-4 at 8 p.m. and December 5 at 2 p.m. at Cedar Crest College Samuels Theatre. Cedar Crest College is at 100 College Drive Allentown, PA 18104-6196.

Tickets can be found online at www.cedarc Crest.edu/stage or can be purchased over the phone by dialing 1-610-606-4608. Admission for students is \$5, for adults it is \$15, and for senior citizens it is \$10.

Twitter -- bridging the gap

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

Twitter can be unnecessary. Even annoying at times. No one cares what movie you're watching or that you just bought a Shake Weight. Well, unless you're a celebrity. Then everyone cares.

At first Twitter seemed like a waste of time. It was a joke that many people thought was worthless but now Twitter is having an impact on society, especially in the sports world. Journalists tweet messages about practice to fans as they watch it. Injury updates, controversies, and press conference quotes all appear on Twitter seconds after they occur, keeping eager fans updated constantly. This is great for the fans. For the writers themselves and the newspaper business, it probably isn't so great. Who will want to buy a newspaper when people already received all of the details via tweets?

Twitter allows fans to receive instantaneous updates, and they can even interact with the media. Reporters also have more ammunition for stories. They can look at a player's Twitter account and talk to them directly or learn about their likes, dislikes and overall opinions. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Twitter, however is when players take advantage of it. There was controversy at the beginning of last year when Chad Ochocinco (formerly Johnson) wanted to tweet during games but the NFL wouldn't allow it.

Ochocinco is one of Twitter's most ardent supporters. He has a huge following. He tweets about the next touchdown celebration he is going to do. He tweets he is going out to eat dinner and says anyone who wants to join him is welcome. Here is a tweet from Chad from last October: "Anybody in Cincy want to join me for dinner, headed to J Alexanders in Hyde park, dinner on me."

Twitter is a fun way for athletes and fans to come together. Fans follow their favorite athletes religiously, and Twitter is a great way for athletes to get to know and interact with these fans. Athletes hold contests on Twitter for their fans and allow their fans a chance to get to know them better. Steve Smith of the Giants gave away free tickets to a Giants game to the fan who submitted the coolest idea for a T-shirt to him. Other athletes offer autographed jerseys and pictures to fans.

Twitter is a place where athletes can share their thoughts, but more importantly where they can bridge the gap between million dollar athletes and blue collar fans. They can interact and learn more about each other. In a Sports Illustrated article, Sean Gregory writes that "On draft day, the Atlanta Falcons and New York Jets both scooped Roger Goodell by announcing their first-round picks on Twitter before the commish called their names from the podium."

Twitter is taking over the world, especially the sports world. Sometimes it may be superfluous and

a waste of time, but often it is a great interactive tool between athletes and their admirers. Its future influence on sport and media is uncertain. It allows great access for fans with up to the second updates from sports journalists. It is a great place for athletes to speak their minds which also may help writers create more stories. But athletes can also speak their minds to the world about an issue or a controversy without the media having any hand in it.

Is Twitter good for fans? Yes. We can interact with the players we watch on TV. We purchase their jerseys and root for these people we think we know but really have never spoken to before. Now we can interact with them, give them ideas, learn about them, win prizes from them. Is it good for athletes? Sure. They can clear up any controversies in the media and express their mind without having to worry over how they will be portrayed by reporters. Also, they can get to know the fans who help pay for their million dollar contracts and try and give back and make a connection with them.

Is Twitter good for sports reporters? It's hard to say right now. Twitter simultaneously gives reporters more tools to gather information and formulate stories, but it also allows players to bypass the media and get their words out to the public themselves.

Either way, one thing is clear: Twitter is changing the world, 140 characters at a time.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES NOVEMBER 9- NOVEMBER 16

CROSS COUNTRY
Nov. 13th
Midwest Regional
Men - 9th; Women - 12th

FOOTBALL
Nov. 13th
@ Moravian, L 14-13

MEN'S SOCCER
Nov. 13th
NCAA Tournament 1st Round
vs. Keane State, W 2-0
NCAA Tournament 2nd Round
at Stevens, W 2-1 (2ot)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 15th
vs. Moravian, W 68-55

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 15th
vs. Moravian, W 68-60

The NCAA Tournament and Scotty Wood in one weekend?!?!?

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 4

FOOTBALL
NCAA Tournament
Nov. 20th
at Wesley
12:00pm

MEN'S SOCCER
NCAA Tournament
Nov. 20th
vs. Merchant Marine
11:00am
Varsity Field

WRESTLING
Dec. 3rd
Dec. 4th
Messiah Petrofes Invitational

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Scotty Wood Tournament
Nov. 19th
vs. Rosemont College
8:00pm
Memorial Hall

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Scotty Wood Tournament
Nov. 19th
vs. Mount St. Vincent
6:00pm
Memorial Hall



With loss, Mules to face Wesley Wolverines in NCAA Playoffs – again

By BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

The Muhlenberg football team (7-3, 7-2) lost sole possession of the Centennial Conference title on a blocked extra point attempt late in the first quarter. The Moravian (6-4, 6-3) victory benefitted Ursinus (8-2, 7-2) and Johns Hopkins (7-3, 7-2), who both won and thus entered a three-way tie with the Mules. In the history of the Centennial Conference, first place has been shared by more than two teams only three other times. However, the Mules did win the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament due to their victories over the Bears and Blue Jays during the regular season, winning the tie-break. As a result, they will play Wesley (9-0, 9-0) in the first round of the tournament.

The Moravian Greyhounds struck first on Saturday. The Greyhounds forced a Mule fumble at the Muhlenberg 44 and recovered it. Seven plays later (all rushing plays), the Moravian running back pounded the ball into the end zone. The kick attempt was good, and the Greyhounds were up 7-0.

The Mules next drive yielded negative yardage, but the Muhlenberg defense returned the favor on the Greyhound's ensuing drive. The Mules, and Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan, took over on the 20. Deighan was dominant on the drive, completing all five passes for 57 yards and rushing for 18 yards on two carries. Sophomore Running Back Terrence

Dandridge finished the drive with a three-yard rush to the end zone. The kick by Senior Kicker Michael Katz was good, tying the game at 7.

On the ensuing possession, the Greyhounds started the drive on their 15. They found their way into Muhlenberg territory, but the Mules pushed them back out with sack and Moravian was forced to punt.

Although the Mule offense was unable to get anything started, the defense dominated. The Greyhound offense was able to get into Muhlenberg territory three times in the second quarter. Junior Cornerback Chase Nadell stopped the deepest threat with an interception on the Muhlenberg 11, which he returned 27 yards. The teams went into the locker-rooms at the half tied.

Moravian began the second half on their 32, and drove 41 yards on 8 plays. The Mules forced a fourth down, but the Greyhounds went for it. The conversion was successful, and then some; the Greyhounds scored on a 27-yard pass. The kick was good and the Mules were down, 7-14.

The Mules started the ensuing drive with excellent field position thanks to a 36-yard return by Nadell, putting them on their 49. Muhlenberg made their way to the Moravian 18, but was forced to line up for a field goal on fourth down. However, the Greyhounds' special teams penetrated the Mules' line and the kick was blocked.

With only six minutes left to play, the Moravian

had the ball on their 26-yard line, looking to take some time off the clock. However, on second down, Junior Defensive End Kenneth Cobb got to the Greyhound quarterback, forcing him to fumble the ball, which was then fallen on by Junior Linebacker Matt Musick on the Muhlenberg 31.

The Mules worked their way to the Moravian 43, but faced a third-and-fifteen. However, Deighan found Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn to prolong the drive. His next two passes went incomplete, but he hit Vaughn again on third down for the score. The Mules needed the extra point to tie, but the Greyhound special teams again made their way into the Muhlenberg backfield, blocking the kick.

The onside kick attempt was recovered by Moravian and Muhlenberg's chances at sole possession of first place were gone as Moravian ran out the clock.

Next Saturday, the Mules will travel to Dover, Delaware to face Wesley in the first round of the NCAA Playoffs. On the season, Wesley is averaging 44 points for a game, and only 12 points again a game. This will be the third meeting between the two schools in four years. The Mules have been beaten by the Wesley Wolverines in all three.

The winner of the game between the teams will face the winner of a first-round pairing between Hampden-Sydney and Montclair State in the second round of the NCAA Playoffs.

Duke tops them all Big three not so big

By EVAN KASAKOVE
SPORTS WRITER

The number one team at the end of last season starts this college basketball season as the pre-season number one and stands as an overwhelming favorite to repeat as National Champions. This team is the Duke Blue Devils. Remember back to when they handled West Virginia and narrowly defeated underdogs Butler on a last second half-court heave? This Duke team was characterized by their exceptional defense, strong rebounding, and players who could score and knock down threes when needed. This team is now loaded with talent with returning stars Kyle Singler and Nolan Smith leading the way, Freshman standout Kyrie Irving, and transfer Seth Curry.

Other top teams to look for are Kansas State, Michigan State, Ohio State, and Pittsburgh. Kansas State with the return of clutch shooter Jacob Pullen will be a handful. Michigan State always seem to be dancing in March with Tom Izzo as their head coach. Plus they have Senior Guard Kalin Lucas, one of the top players in the country. Ohio State has sensational Freshman Jared Sullinger leading a solid team in the toughest conference the Big Ten. Pittsburgh with returning guards Brad Wanamaker and Aston Gibbs make Pittsburgh favorites in the Big East.

The real question is not which teams are the best now, but which team will be the best after an always enthralling NCAA tournament. My answer is that Duke will repeat as champions. The last team to repeat was Florida in 2006 and 2007 and before that it was Duke in 1991 and 1992. Mike Krzyzewski knows how to coach a team that is a favorite going into the season and will prepare this team for a deep tournament run. This Duke team is not only talented, but has great depth at the guard position. Four of their five starters were significant members of their 2010 National championship team, so experience will be in their favor and that becomes critical in big games towards the end of the season. What else do they have besides experience? They have height and rebounding with the Plumlee brothers at the forward positions and arguably the best all-around player in the country in Kyle Singler. Singler last year proved that he is a star at both ends of the floor (it is scary to think that he could be even better than last year). Don't forget rising star Nolan Smith whose leadership and poise down the stretch last year helped take the pressure off graduation senior Jon Scheyer.

For those of you that scoff at the obvious pick that is Duke, just remember how it is to have a good head coach and there is no one better in college basketball or maybe in all of sports. Take a look at Coach K's track record: 4 NCAA Championships, 11 Final Fours, NCAA record 77 tournament victories, 800 wins, and a gold medal with the 2008 Olympic team. Coach K has already solidified himself as one of the best coaches of all time and there is no reason to suggest that he cannot win another championship. But the fact is that it is not easy to repeat. Yes, it is not easy, but if there is a team that will be more ready and prepared than Duke, please let me know.

By JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

When LeBron James made his "decision" to join Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh and take his talents to South Beach to play for the Miami Heat, the basketball world went into a frenzy. How could LeBron leave his state of Ohio? Was he taking the easy way to a championship? And, how good will the Heat be?

Many pundits thought the Heat could be the best team ever. They could win upwards of 70 games. They would be a clinch for a championship. And it's not hard to blame them. After all, James and Wade are among the top five players in the game, and Bosh is one of the best players too. They should be great.

But, after 10 games, the Heat aren't exactly off to a roaring start. Their 6-4 record, while respectable, is nowhere near the expectations. In their games, they look confused, clearly jelling as a team yet. Their superstars, Bosh, Wade and James, aren't playing their best basketball either. Bosh, in particular, is really struggling. Averaging only 14 points a game, Bosh is being exposed as an inferior post player. A dominant post player is necessary for any team to be great. Think of Kevin Garnett and Shaquille O'Neal. Bosh, who is averaging only 6 rebounds a game, is not the post up player the Heat thought they were getting. Spending a maximum contract on a glorified small forward who isn't rebounding the ball isn't wise money.

James, perhaps the best player in the game, is experiencing a down year. He's averaging 22 points per game, 5 points below his career average. While his assists are up, his rebounds are down, indicating that he's not attacking the basket as much, and is more than happy to defer to Wade. Wade is playing to his career averages.

The problem with the Big 3 is that they were expected to dominate their opponents, run over the league and look like a super team. They are not doing these things. They are losing to the class of the league, like the Hornets, Magic, Jazz and twice to the Celtics. They are running over the horrible teams of the league. But they are not yet ready for prime time.

James and Wade, the two bona fide stars, have yet to really dominate games like they did before they teamed up. In their two games against the Celtics, Wade has only scored 21 total points. In the past, Wade would easily score more than 21 points in a game. It's quite possible that, after some time, the Heat will figure it out. They'll play more like a team, not just 3 star players. And it's possible that, after some time, Chris Bosh will figure out, learn to be a post up player and dominate the boards. It's possible. But after the first few weeks of the NBA season, the Heat have not shown anything to indicate that they will. And if they do, it will take awhile.

Luckily for the Heat, the Eastern Conference is quite weak. They can struggle in the regular season, and as long as they make the playoffs, they can make a run to the Finals. But, if they don't get their act together, they will not be seeing the later rounds of the postseason. Right now, it's not The Big 3. It's just three good players that just happen to be on the same team.

FROM GREYHOUNDS | PAGE 16 through it, tried to stay calm and were able to come out with the lead and get the win."

On the game, Muhlenberg shot 39% from the field and 42% from behind the arc. They had trouble handling the ball with 33 turnovers to 14 assists, but disrupted the Greyhounds with 18 steals. They were able to outrebound Moravian 41-36.

Chili led the Mules with 22 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals. Berlin contributed with 12 points (shooting 4-6; 2-2 from three), 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 block, and 4 steals. Lanza was impressive in the first game of her Muhlenberg career, bringing down 8 boards, scoring 7 points, and rejecting 4 shots (all without a turnover in 20 minutes on the court). She should prove to be a menacing threat in the paint in the years to come.

There are high hopes for the Lady Mules this year. They had their third straight 20-win season last year, going 21-6 and winning the Centennial Conference regular season title. And, for the first time in the history of the program, they won an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

However the final results of the season were less than the team hoped for: they lost at McDaniel in the CC championship and to Tufts in the opening round of the Tournament.

Senior guard Kelly McKeon and Junior Alex Chili return for the Mules, reigning All-Centennial-Conference selections. Last year, McKeon averaged 13.1 points-a-game, and led the team in rebounds per game (7.3), assists (12.1), and steals (6.3). She only needs 51 assists to become the Muhlenberg all-time leader.

Chili should also achieve a milestone in the next game, or the game after; she only needs 27 points to have 1000 points. Last year, Chili averaged 17.4 points per game and won the Sidney G. Weikert Sophomore Athlete of the Year Award, which was previously won by McKeon and Lauren Boyle '09.

In the front court, Senior Center Sheila Cook should be a presence; she averaged 11.2 points per game last year and has shot 50 percent from the field in her career.

The Lady Mules' next game will be at the Scotty Wood Tournament next weekend. The tournament will consist of Muhlenberg, Lehman (0-1, 0-0), Richard Stockton (1-0, 0-0), and College of Mount St. Vincent (1-0, 0-0). The Mules will take on the Mount St. Vincent Dolphins in the first game Fri. Nov. 19 at 6:00.

FROM SWEET | PAGE 16 Sunday.

"We have one of the best crowds in the country and to have this opportunity is a dream come true," said Way.

Saturday's "Sweet 16" will begin at 11:00am, when the Mules take the pitch against Merchant Marine. At 1:30pm, Messiah will take on Medaille. Saturday's winners, members of the "Elite 8" will play on Sunday afternoon at 1:00. The winner of Sunday's game will travel to the "Final Four" in San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 3-4.

The title is in sight and it's anybody's game. "Anything can happen from here on out," said Way.

Tickets for this weekend are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and \$2 for children ages 3-12.

FROM MEN'S GAME | PAGE 16 ahead of us. We were only winning the rebounding margin by one. In the first minute of the second half, we showed what Muhlenberg basketball was about by rebounding."

To no surprise, the second half was dominated by the Mules star Junior Forward Spencer Liddic. Liddic is one of the top scorers all time in the Centennial Conference, and on Monday night he showed why he is one of the best players in the Lehigh Valley and also the entire conference. Liddic was a force on the inside and also from the perimeter, and the star finished the night with 23 total points, while shooting 8 for 12 from the field.

On this night though, the newcomer Freshman Guard Austin Curry, also helped lead the Mules against Moravian. Curry who only had four points in the first half, found his shooting stroke at a key time during the second half and sparked the Mules. Before Curry and Liddic led the team in their second half run, the Mules fell behind by as many as ten points and the outlook looked bleak. Then in timely fashion, Junior Guard Justin Greenstone took two charges and it was the spark that the Mules needed to start and eventually complete their comeback.

Curry who was the second leading scorer on the night for the Mules with 18 points, shooting 5 for 12 from the field, was excited and ready to make his college debut. When asked about his the teams performance, Curry stated that, "We were all very excited about this game and the start of our season. I think our play in the second half reflected our excitement and we went out there and got the win."

When asked about his individual performance, Curry said, "I really focused on getting good shots and working on my defense that could eventually put us on a run to take the lead and remain in the lead." Curry's strategy seemed very effective, because his shots and defense jumpstarted the offense.

Although the Mules are very satisfied with their first victory against a tough team, they know that the season is long and their pursuit of a championship has also just started. Coach Finch is also looking towards the future, "In the future, I would expect a team that plays hard and plays together. Offensively and defensively we need to play as a unit for us to compete in the brutal Centennial Conference."

The Mules next play in the Scotty Wood Tournament hosted by Muhlenberg, which is scheduled for Fri., Nov. 19th and Sat. Nov. 20th. The squad will host out of conference opponent Rosemont College at 8:00 Friday night at Memorial Hall.

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Success is Sweet!

Mules to host Round of 16

BY ANDREW RHODES
SPORTS WRITER

Though the Men's Soccer Mules came up short in the conference tournament, they came ready to play in the first and second rounds of the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship. They now move into the "Sweet 16" after wins this past weekend against Keene State and Stevens. The NCAA has honored Muhlenberg's outstanding season by choosing Varsity Field as the host site for the third and fourth rounds. They will play at 11:00am on Sat., Nov. 20.

Fresh off a heartbreaking loss to Swarthmore in the conference title game, the Mules traveled to Hoboken, NJ to face the Keene State College Owls (14-5-2) on Saturday in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

In that game, it was all Danny's Way as the Sophomore Forward scored twice. Both goals came on assists from the Junior Forward and All-Conference First Team member Cody Antonini. The win set Muhlenberg up for a Sunday afternoon showdown against Stevens (the winner over Hunter).

Way used his head to score the Mules' first goal off a cross from Antonini in the 66th minute. Later, an Owl player was ejected from the game after committing a hard foul on Freshman Defender Ryan Barlotta. Way took advantage of the man-up opportunity, netting the

Mules' second goal in the 76th minute.

The Mules held the advantage in shots, 30-16. Senior Goalkeeper Jason Daniels preserved the shutout with eight saves.

On Sunday, the Mules jumped out to an early 1-0 lead against Stevens (15-2-3) in the 21st minute when Way booted in his third goal of the young tournament. The goal came off a Senior Midfielder Mike Williams cross to Way who headed the ball past the diving Ducks goalkeeper into the upper left corner.

The Ducks scored the equalizer off of a low crossing pass with just 34 seconds remaining in the first half.

In the second half, the Mules and Ducks traded scoring chances but neither could come up with the right touch.

The two teams headed for overtime. This was where Muhlenberg dominated. In the two overtime periods, the Mules outshot the Ducks 6-1. The final shot was the sweetest of the season so far, as Junior Midfielder Josh Luginbuhl tucked away the ball into the back of the net on a one timer off of an entry pass from Way in the 107th minute.

When Way passed the ball to Luginbuhl, he said "I had all the confidence in the world he was going to finish that."

Way has either assisted on or scored every goal in the tournament and set the school record for points in

an NCAA Tournament with seven. "It's nice to know that I have had a part in helping out team get to this point, but we all have worked hard to get to this spot and hopefully we can keep the run going."

In their win against Stevens, the Mules scored two goals off a team that, up until Sunday, had given up just four goals all season. The Ducks had won 34 straight home games until the Mules came to town.

Coach Sean Topping will guide Muhlenberg in the Sweet 16. It will be the Mules' first appearance in the Round of 16 since 1997. As for that year, it was Topping's senior season at Muhlenberg. Then "Captain" Topping and his teammates lost to Gettysburg in their "Sweet 16" game that year.

It is inevitable that the nerves of the Mule players will be at an all time high. Having a coach with experience in the Tournament is sure to make a difference.

"He has had some of the same feelings we are having now and he can help us to stay calm and not let our emotions get the best of us," claimed Way.

The Mules' best NCAA appearance came in 1995, losing in the "Final Four" to Williams.

Muhlenberg's Varsity Field was selected as the host site for the sectional tournament. The Mules will welcome Merchant Marine, Medaille, and Messiah to Allentown for match play on Saturday and

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Lady Mules victorious first game; Scotty Wood Tournament next

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Two senior starters were out for the Muhlenberg Women's Basketball last Monday, but a passerby never would have guessed it. The Mules (1-0, 0-0) dominated Moravian (0-1, 0-0) in the first half, and survived a second half surge by the Greyhounds, winning in convincing fashion, 68-55, against a team who had 25 wins last season.

Typically, the first game of the season is a sloppy one and this was no exception. The teams sputtered a bit in the opening minutes, both turning the ball over and missing shots. Filling in, Freshman Forward Leeann Lanza had an early impact, pulling down two rebounds and putting four points on the board. With 9:20 left in the first half, Junior Guard Alex Chili stole the ball and was fouled in the process of shooting. After knocking down both of her free throws, the Mules were up 21-10. At the half, the Mules were up 14 points, thanks in part to back-to-back threes by Chili.

The Mules struck first after the break, with a three pointer by Sophomore Forward Kate Clawson, but after this the Mules' offense broke down. Within the next 5 minutes, the visitors went on a 14-2 run, hitting 4 three-pointers and two free throws.

The Mules' lead was now only 7 points, the lowest it had been since the eighth minute of the game. Muhlenberg answered with offensive power. Chili hit two layups and Senior Guard Alexandra Berlin (playing point guard for the first time as a Mule) hit a three and a layup. This offensive dominance was matched with suffocating defense, helping the Mules go on a 7-0 run to answer the Greyhounds' threat. Moravian would not be closer than 9 points for the rest of the game.

"We knew that they were going to make a run; they're a good team," Berlin said. "But we held

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Men's Basketball topple Moravian in comeback fashion

BY LOU JOHNSON
SPORTS WRITER

The 'Berg Men's Basketball Team started their season Monday night in impressive fashion. The Mules defeated the Moravian Greyhounds 68-60 at Memorial Hall in front of the home crowd. It was the first game for the Men's season, which has become much-anticipated with the arrival of several freshmen and returning veterans that undoubtedly will have a big impact on the season.

The Greyhounds were seen as a very difficult opponent to start the season against, due to the fact they have a very impressive freshmen class, a solid group of transfers, and returning players from their team from past seasons. In this contest against the Mules, Moravian jumped out to a blazing start with an 8-0 run, but the Mules quickly put an end to the run and started to change the momentum of the game. Players such as Sophomore Forward Hunter Forsman and Sophomore Guard Matt O'Hara provided energy and key offensive scoring chances. They were also responsible for many defensive stops throughout the first half and in the majority of the game. Forsman became an intimidating factor in the middle and was an anchor to an effective defense during the contest.

At the end of the first half, the Mules trailed by one point and considering the fact that Muhlenberg fell behind big early, the small deficit could have been seen as a minor accomplishment. Head Coach Scott McClary and the rest of the squad wanted to use the momentum that they had gained and eventually push past their opponents to gain their first victory of the season. They went in to the locker room trying to stay positive and looking forward to the second half.

Assistant Coach Ryan Finch commented that, "At half time, two things that we stressed were staying positive and dominating the boards. We knew Moravian shot well and made their run already. For us to be that close at halftime, we knew our best basketball was

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Art Spiegelman's World of Comics

By KELSEY HUTCHINSON
ASSISTANT LIFE! EDITOR

Wed. evening,
Nov. 17th,
notable comic

artist Art Spiegelman gave a lecture as part of the Living Writers series. Wherever he goes, Spiegelman always draws a crowd and this night was no exception. Besides Living Writers students, other classes and students attended along with residents from the Allentown area. Because of the high anticipated turn-out, this was the only Living Writers lecture that was held in Empie Theatre instead of Miller Forum, and, as expected, almost no seat was left empty.

What made this living writer distinct from the other writers we have hosted was that Spiegelman gave a lecture rather than a reading. He stood posed behind a podium ready to begin with a huge projection screen that read: Comics 101. At the beginning of his lecture, he explained how he finds it ironic that he gets paid to lecture about comics in an academic setting since comics are often viewed as one of the least academic texts by most people. Yet Spiegelman fervently believes that comics have an important place in today's society; though often considered a media for children,

Spiegelman explained that only 40% of all comics are bought by children and 60% are actually bought by adults. This brings us to their academic, or at least societal value.

"I learned everything from comic books,"



Author Art Spiegelman

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explained Spiegelman, who convinced his mother to lend him grocery money in order to purchase his first comic book, which

soon became his manna from heaven. He immediately began drawing comics from that young age and even began producing his own comics for his family and friends throughout high school—one of which was discovered by a bubblegum company that immediately hired Spiegelman upon graduation to design the comics on the bubblegum wrappers.

Like academic texts, comics are a highly structured media that portray a narrative through a pictorial representation. Spiegelman explained that comics function much like mosaics in historic churches: they tell a story. In fact, a cartoon is a mural painted on cardboard. Like mosaics, comics work the way the brain works, in a burst of language and an icon. "We're wired to understand this stuff!" Spiegelman emphasized. Comics operate by stripping things down to the basics and representing ideas in an abstraction of identifiable images. Comics are genius in their minimalism as they consist of diagrams and symbols that are easy to decode in a glance and dialog that is condensed to its simplest elements of as few words as possible. This simplicity is what makes comics so

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Housing Changes for 2011-2012

By JAN SCHUMACHER
DIRECTOR, RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

College affords us an opportunity to explore our world and consider new ideas and options. Students

on campus have a variety of curricular and co-curricular avenues available to them throughout their college experience. Residential life is no exception. The College students are fortunate to have a wide range of housing styles to choose from during their four years on campus. This includes traditional buildings with shared bathrooms, doubles with private bathrooms as well as suites, apartments, and houses.

The 2011-2012 Housing Lottery will be adding the option to select gender neutral housing. Muhlenberg has allowed mixed gender groups to select suite and apartment styled housing for over a decade. The main difference was that students identifying as different genders were not able to share a double bedroom together. With a gender neutral housing option, students can select a roommate regardless of gender identity.

The discussion to move in this direction started in the Fall of 2006. Students from the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) brought the proposal forward for consideration. Research and benchmarking began during the Spring 2007 semester. Also the Student Council passed a resolution in support of Gender Neutral Housing. During the 2007-2008 academic year the conversation was extended to the Campus Life Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Parent's Council. These forums allowed for many opinions and voices on

the issue to be heard. Last fall members of GSA again asked for the College to consider initiating a gender neutral housing option for the student body. It was determined the missing piece to the information collected was the opinion of the general student body. GSA worked with Dr. Borick and the Institute of Public Opinion to survey the student body. The results were presented at the conclusion of the Spring 2010 semester. Students indicated they were supportive of and interested in having a gender neutral housing option available.

This fall President Helm and the senior staff reviewed the matter and determined it was appropriate for the College to move forward in putting together a plan to implement a gender neutral housing option for campus housing. The Office of Residential Services will be working with Student Government in addition to writing this article. The College Committee on Campus Life will be hosting a campus forum early in the spring 2011 semester. The Office of Residential Services encourages students to talk about topics related to being a good roommate with whomever they want to room with, to ensure a successful roommate relationship.

Information regarding the Housing Lottery will be available at the start of the spring semester. We encourage you to come speak with a staff member in the Office of Residential Services with any questions you may have regarding housing for the 2011-2012 academic year.

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That's the Spirit!

Let's hear it for the Mules! The past few weeks have been filled with a pleasantly surprising amount of 'Berg spirit. Students have been donning their red and grey and showing their support for our sports teams. Some of us enjoyed being a part of the wave at the "red out" NCAA Sweet 16 soccer game last weekend, and others cheered on our fellow students at the Scotty Wood men's and women's basketball tournament.

Win or lose, it was exciting to see the student body rallied around these events and to be a part of that energy. We can't help but think, after experiencing these events, that it would be just as rewarding to throw our support behind some of the other activities on campus.

Next time you're descending the stairs in Seegers to check your mail, stop on the landing and really look at the walls. Our campus is so full of events, many of them educational or supporting great causes, and it takes little effort to get involved.

In addition to our student athletes, many other students have worked hard to earn our support. In just the next week, the cast of "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot" puts on their first shows, and the Soul Sound Steppers and the Muhlenberg Wind Ensemble will be performing. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Active Minds at Muhlenberg and Synapse are sponsoring a talk about performance enhancers and their use in academia. And Alpha Chi Omega is having a fundraiser to send mistletoe to friends on campus.

Just imagine if the kind of spirit we saw at the Scotty Wood tournament was brought to these events. Who knows, maybe a sea of students clad in cardinal red could start the wave in the Soul Sound Steppers audience. Maybe that's a little extreme, but we all know how great it feels to be supported by our peers. With a quick look at the 'Berg bulletin or the Message Board, you can find out about the dozens of events every week in which our fellow students are performing their hearts out. And they all deserve a healthy round of applause.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Weekly editors,

We commend Mr. Alex Breiding for his criticism of democracy in the November 18th issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. The capacity for American citizens to exercise their right of free speech by challenging their government is one of the most beautiful aspects of American democracy. However, even more beautiful about our political system is that while Mr. Breiding can critique our government, we can criticize his critique. In his article, Mr. Breiding certainly piqued our interest when he claimed that he would incorporate political theories of anarchist Emma Goldman and Aristotle, but we were let down when all we found was but one stock quote of Goldman's—"if voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal"—and the mere citing of "Aristotle's *Republic*." We give Mr. Breiding the benefit of the doubt that he knew that Plato, and not Aristotle, actually wrote the *Republic*, but regardless, referring to renowned individuals offers us nothing without analysis to accompany those references.

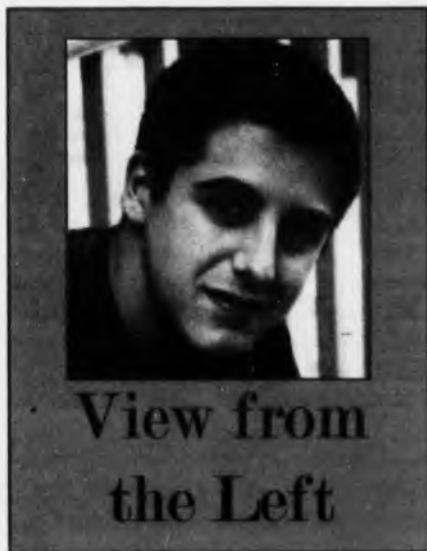
In defense of
Democracy

Therefore, an appropriate context under which we can introduce our response to Mr. Breiding's critique, in which he more or less calls democracy a system in which the constituents are deceived into believing that their opinion is effectively voiced through voting, is through the lens of Aristotle's *Politics*. According to Aristotle, democracy certainly has its problems, but the likelihood and consequences of other systems' failures leaves us little choice but to accept democracy. If there were a good king, Aristotle says, then we ought to yield to him. Similarly, if there were an exemplary aristocracy, then we ought to follow those individuals. However, kings inevitably become tyrants and aristocrats inevitably become oligarchs, so in spite of the shortcomings of democracy, it is at least more tolerable than those oppressive systems.

Even if Mr. Breiding were correct in his criticism of our political system, his article begs the question, if not democracy, then what? Is democracy so bad? Is our government so ineffective that we feel chronically unsafe and underprivileged? The fact that Mr. Breiding wrote his article under the tutelage of a private liberal arts education leads us to believe otherwise. In addition, our Constitution allows for a national convention if the citizens so desire to change aspects of the political system, but the last time that occurred was in 1787. It seems as if Americans are not too unhappy with democracy.

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Call to abolish the injustice system



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Op/Ed Columnist

Every local election season, politicians seem to converge ideologically on the general expansion of law enforcement, especially in Allentown, which was just named 70th among US cities for having the highest crime rates according to CQ Press in Washington DC. With statistics such as this being pumped out annually, most people are behind the politicians from both the Right and the Left in their promises to appropriate more funds for increasing the power and

presence of the local police force. Such aims are perpetuating the injustices of the prison-industrial complex and thusly need to be eradicated.

In this article I will present a set of arguments for prison abolition. As a prison abolitionist, I am not advocating for the immediate dissolving of every concept of a penal system but rather asserting that there are long-lasting alternatives to punishment-based institutions such as prisons, jails, juvenile, immigrant, and military detention centers. Furthermore, I advocate for the purge of police forces such as our very own Campus Safety, which reproduces its hegemony by invoking fear in those who are afraid of becoming the recipients of Campus Safety's injustices.

By means of exposing the racism and institutionalized oppression inherent to the prison system and the continuation of the ideological "need" for prisons, the prison abolition movement aims to bolster the concept of community empowerment, community-led education, transformative justice, and radical liberation as positive alternatives to the prison-industrial complex.

For the purposes of this article, Transformative Justice is, according to the generationFIVE, "liberation from violence through a process that would confront state and systemic violence for individu-

al and social justice."

The prisons, in theory, serve three purposes: first, to physically separate the very few "permanently" dangerous individuals from the rest of society; second, to encourage the personal reform of those who are sent to prison; third, to deter those who would otherwise commit crimes. Unfortunately, the prison system has in actuality created "criminals" rather than fight crime. And most importantly, the increase in criminal punishment has been nothing but profitable for the state, private companies, and the dominate majority.

Let's try to unpack the complexities of the prison system. Imagine the College as a symbolic microcosm of our society. Let's say that this school is science-heavy, and the sciences get all of the money from the school, or at least far more than any other discipline. This has been great for the perpetuation of scientific achievements at the College, as they can now afford to be more industrialized and modern.

The science students, who are pushing towards their next crowning achievement, are constantly upset when the Theater Department gets a cut of the overall budget, claiming that if the theater students needed money and services, they should do a little science on the side and help the overall productivity of the Col-

lege. Soon enough the themes presented in the theater pieces reflect a direct rejection the sciences and the values they represent, making practicing theater a threat the productivity of the sciences. As this tension escalates, the science students, as the dominate majority, restrict the theater students from doing theater.

As you can see, the majority (the science students) is using their power to suppress the minoritarian (theater) values. Just as the science students could easily imprison the theater students behind the glass of the Fishbowl, the dominate identity groups in our macrocosmic society imprison the minorities because of their competing values, much of which have been constructed from their disenfranchised positions. Morality of the dominating group inevitably becomes institutionalized in the form of the penal code, reifying the marginalized social status of the minorities who refuse to assimilate.

The late 20th century has demonstrated a huge increase in incarceration rates that emerged in tandem to the rise of neoliberalism and its assertion for the moral necessity for market forces. The state and federal prison systems are becoming more privatized every day. For example, Sodexo, arguably one of the most malicious transna-

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Can you pay for my tuition?



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OP/ED COLUMNIST

The American economy has taken much of our attention up over the last few years. The media, politicians, and American families have been preoccupied with persistent unemployment, bank-breaking public debt, and poor economic growth. These domestic problems are still lingering, but one thing is not the same, and that is the balance of power down on Capitol Hill. After the 2010 midterm election, Republicans gained a huge majority in the House of Representatives and made enough gains to close in on recapturing the majority in the Senate. Now that Congressional Democrats have to prepare for battle in an increas-

ingly hostile arena they are trying to push quite a bit through Congress during its lame duck session. Democrats need to make the most of their majority before Republicans come back to reshape the game; passing the DREAM Act is a top priority during the lame duck session.

The Democrats are in a hurry to pass the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, more commonly referred to as the DREAM Act (how are members of Congress so good at coming up with names for bills?). Under provisions of the DREAM Act, illegal immigrant minors and young adults could qualify for an expedited or altered path to legal residency in the United States. In order to reach the eventual end of permanent resident, these illegal immigrants would have to meet several conditions, and rightfully so. Prior to becoming eligible beneficiaries under the Act, illegal immigrants that qualify would have to have proof of entry into the US before the age of 16, proof of residence in the US for at least five consecutive years since their time of entry, be between the ages of 12 and 35 at the time of the Act's enactment, have successfully graduated with a high school diploma or received a GED, and must be of "good moral character," which implies a lack of criminal record for crimes such as murder, rape, sex offenses, weapons violations, and a host of minor offenses. If the illegal immigrant meets these conditions, then he or she maybe granted temporary residency (a legal form of residency) and has

a six year period in which to complete community college, at least two years of undergraduate work at a four-year college/university, or serve as an active-duty member in the US Armed Forces. Upon completion of education or military service requirements, the beneficiaries under the Act will be granted permanent residency.

These conditions are appropriate considering the significant impact the DREAM Act would have on immigration policy. If the US government is to extend such leniency and such generosity, then it is not out of line to limit those who can eventually attain permanent residency and citizenship. We should be encouraging immigration, especially lawful immigration, while at the same time trying to deal with the massive number of illegals already in the US without solutions involving mass deportation. The overall intent of the DREAM Act is right in rewarding young, student-age illegal immigrants with permanent residency. If they show true intent in staying in the US and at least some interest in becoming Americans while at the same time working to prove their commitment to integrating through completing time in higher education or military service, then they deserve our support. This is the type of immigration we want.

The act does address some concerns that many Americans hold when consid-

ering the DREAM Act. If a beneficiary were to fail to meet any conditions, then they would be dropped from the program, have permanent residency taken off the table, and face the possibility of deportation. These are absolutely necessary parts of the bill because we must be sure to weed out the "bad seeds" if you will. We want commitment and effort.

Despite the good intent, three problems have arisen with the DREAM Act as it stands, and as it will likely appear during the lame duck session. First, the Act does provide for a wide range of ages for qualified illegal immigrants. The age limit should be lowered to about 24 or 25, because including those who are in their thirties is not truly including the typical college-aged person. We want to really gear the bill towards students and young people. Second, the bill would prevent the Department of Homeland Security from deporting any illegal immigrant who has a pending DREAM Act application if he or she were to be convicted of a crime, both felonies and misdemeanors. If an applicant were to go ahead and violate the requirement of being a law abiding member of society before being accepted, then that is a clear sign of an undesired recipient.

My final beef with the DREAM Act is in regards to higher education finances. Under current fed-

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We will grant some credence to Mr. Breiding's notion that our system forces the deconstruction of many complex issues into mere "yes or no" decisions, but such a gross overgeneralization of American democracy ignores the intricacies of America's political history. Mr. Breiding argues that once a law is established in this country, it is forevermore interpreted only under its original polarizing context, but this claim implies an absolutism that simply does not exist. He cites *Roe v. Wade* to demonstrate how the issue of abortion will always polarize our country, but we respond with the historical evolution of civil rights, in which the progression from the 1857 *Dred Scott* decision, to *Plessy v. Ferguson* in 1896, and finally to *Brown v. Board* in 1954 proves that not every issue dissolves into a mere yes or no answer. Complex issues may be deconstructed in a specific temporal context, but their nuances are more intensely considered over time. In addition, decisions such as those of the Supreme Court often come with dissenting opinions and comprehensive majority opinions to discuss the issues in greater detail.

Mr. Breiding makes the same mistake as many Americans do when they criticize Obama only after serving as President for less than two years, and we implore him: be patient! Change takes time. Of course, if we want the opportunity to change the status quo, which Mr. Breiding claims we do not have, then democracy is our best bet. Authoritarianism and anarchy probably won't yield results which the majority accepts.

Finally, Mr. Breiding's critique of democracy warns that majority rule inherent in democracy is problematic. He writes that minorities' ideas are ignored simply because they are of the minority, but just because a person does not belong to the majority does not mean members of the majority do not agree with him or her. There are many ways to be a conservative, liberal, democrat, and republican, and the notion of the political spectrum implies that there is a palpable overlap of political ideologies. Nevertheless, so what if the majority rules? Contrary to what Emma Goldman said, voting does change something. Many of our Presidents don't last two terms, and did we not just witness the House of Representatives changing hands? Why? Because when we are unhappy with our leaders, we vote for someone else!

If Mr. Breiding is so disillusioned with democracy, then perhaps he should move to North Korea, Saudi Arabia, or any number of nations in which he would not even have had the opportunity to write such a criticism of his government. There is no perfect political system, and after experiencing that fact first-hand under the auspices of another government, maybe Mr. Breiding will count his blessings that he is a participant in American democracy.

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Anorexia, bulimia, oh my!



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With digital media taking over as it has, it is not surprising that our society has fallen off the deep end. The most shocking? The inculcation of a new femininity. One that is naturally unattainable. Yes, Marilyn Monroe plastered herself on a centerfold in *Playboy* back in the day, and Audrey Hepburn glossed screens across the United States for years, but the ideal female image has reached such a point that its naturally unattainable. Enter plastic surgery.

In our current age, Marilyn Monroe would have actually been considered overweight, with hips and abdomen much too large to compete with Adriana

Lima or mommy Heidi Klum. In this age, even Barbie's measurements defy natural proportions. Yet we still strive for this unachievable image, why?

"In our culture not one part of a woman's body is left untouched, unaltered, no feature or extremity is spared the art, or pain, of improvement"- Andrea Dworkin, 1974. Is this even arguable? Which part of a woman's body is not left up for discussion? Is not critiqued? Which part does not have a perfect opposite that it should be emulated after? A woman's legs are never perfect because they do not look like Gisele's; and heaven-forbid her lips are not as plump as Angelina's, or nose not as perfect as reconstructed Jennifer Aniston's (to name a few). What if you are not perfect? Well news flash, women, men, onlookers, and judges, those who critique themselves, and those who criticize others, the perfect sought after look is naturally impossible, therefore perfect is merely an idea that lurks high in the clouds, haunting our every step. The female body image that our society strives for is one hundred percent unnatural; you are never going to be able to achieve it. And if Heidi Montag taught us anything, even plastic surgery cannot reach it.

The women on *Bridalplasty* are convinced, however, that plastic surgery will fix all of their pre-wedding problems. Each week brides-to-be compete for the grand prize of plastic surgery prior to their big day. Does this disgust anyone else? The sick part: people eat this up.

The drama, the competition, the dumb reality humor of the show draws viewers in by the plenty, which only supports the body image forced upon society.

I have heard feminists argue that the female body image is a result of the male gaze. While there is certainly truth behind this, it seems that the image is only supported and upheld because of and by women. It is not fair to place all of the blame on men. Although they do account for much of the problem, women contort themselves to appease the male eye because we believe that men want what they see in *GQ* and *Playboy*, which isn't true. While they may love gazing, repeatedly, at half naked women glossing the page spreads, or the women on *Entourage* who spend hours getting their hair and make-up done, they long for the girl next door, the woman that can make them laugh uncontrollably, or that they can cuddle with every night. Men want the little imperfections that they fall in love with, and the freckles that spread across your imperfect nose. That's what they want, but we don't see that, nor do we actually understand that.

But what is with the contradiction? Why do men obsess over the Victoria Secret's Angels, but dream of settling down with a woman that does not fit that female body image? There is a disconnect that needs to be addressed. Mass marketing feeds this issue and exacerbates it to an

extreme that sends women to psychiatric clinics and drives them to starvation. But even when a message is sent, dissuading the popular desire to obtain the unnatural body image, women rarely listen; and if they do, it is a momentary ephemeral thought that slips out of the female's mind as quickly as it entered. Why? Because as soon as a woman hears someone say, you're beautiful, she looks to the left and sees an image of Scarlett Johansson flung across *Vogue* and quickly realizes she is no competition. Sad, but true.

Bruno Mars explains it perfectly, "When I compliment her she won't believe me. And its so, its so sad to think she don't see what I see". Will there ever be a time when women are not preoccupied with how much they weigh, or how thick their hips are? Will they ever be able to detach the image on the screen from reality, and live happily as their pure, natural selves? Why is being perfect according to someone else's guidelines so important?

In Portia De Rossi's autobiography, she addresses her personal battle with this concept. Through the beginning pages she takes you through her struggle with weight, and how she saw her reflection in the mirror as chubby, but was a mere 111 pounds on the scale. Portia's battle is one that is fought, in some shade, by almost every female in society today. We can address it, but how can we change it?

...Marilyn Monroe
would be considered
overweight...

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eral law, illegal immigrants are ineligible for taxpayer funded college grants and loans run by the federal government and are not eligible to receive in-state tuition breaks at state university institutions because the states are limited in how they determine in-state residency. In light of the law, the DREAM Act would actually

reverse the law that restricts states from granting in-state residency and in-state tuition discounts to illegal immigrants. This would certainly give the go ahead for states to permit illegal immigrants to receive in-state tuition rates, especially in states controlled by Democratic state governments with high numbers of Hispanic populations such as California and New York. This is simply not fair. We

do want to reward and encourage good immigration, but not at the expense of taxpayers. Our parents and perhaps even many of us working college students pay taxes which go to many initiatives one of which is providing in-state students with reduced tuition rates. How can we justify giving the same benefits we pay for to those whose parents have not paid their share? It isn't right and only encourages

the idea of amnesty and a free rider state for illegal immigrants.

The DREAM Act is a decent start in the immigration reform debate. The Democrats may or may not be able to pass it during the lame duck session, but one thing is certain: they should address several issues pertaining to the bill. We want reasonable, humane, and fair immigration reform.

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tional corporations in the contemporary world and proudly the food services provider for the College, profits off of the existence and expansion of prisons. Although, due to student pressures, the corporation sold its 8% share in Corrections Corporation of America (doesn't that sound diabolical?), it still retains its position in 122 prisons and brought in revenues of \$329 million in 2008.

The circle of beneficiaries extends further than food services companies. Private construction companies, custodial companies and even prison guard companies all want to see prisons expanded. The more of those minorities that don't live up to the values of dominate society and are subsequently incarcerated the more money

these companies make. For that reason, companies such as Sodexo give money to politicians that promise to advocate for the expansions of prisons and increased law enforcement - it's a smart investment.

Without even getting into the grotesque statistics of racism, patriarchy, and class issues, it is evident that the fundamentals of the prison system are inherently unjust. The penal code favors the moral majority and thusly marginalizes all of those who cannot or choose not to buy into those values. Furthermore, the state and private companies are directly profiting off of the expansion of prisons and law enforcement. The prison system cannot be fixed. It is not broken. It is just wrong and needs to be abolished.

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potent as the images sear into the brain of the human psyche. This is what makes comics' messages so powerful.

Instead of biblical stories, comics are effective in stripping down political, racial, and societal stereotypes to their basic elements in a way that makes them humorous even if they sometimes do so in a manner that is perceived as vulgar. Yet comics are effective in uncovering and disclosing the truths that lay hidden and are glossed over by society in a way that is powerful and poignant. Spiegelman explained that *MAD*, a famous comic publication he read as a child, "always told you something true; that's what makes comics so funny."

In light of his notable work *Maus* and *In the Shadow of No Towers*, Spiegelman said that, when it comes to comics, "anything is possible subject matter, including one's own life." *In the Shadow of No Towers* is a response to 9/11 and begins with the Spiegelman family's experience the day of the attacks when Spiegelman and his wife, living in a ward close to the World Trade Center, personally witnessed the towers being hit and rushed to the site as their daughter attended school literally within walking distance of Ground Zero. Spiegelman said that although this work initially began as a way for him to cope with the effects of 9/11 as a New Yorker who was drastically affected, it then morphed into his distaste with the handling and politicizing of the event in its aftermath by the current administration to sway the opinions of the American populace on entering the war in Iraq.

Also based on a devastating historical event, *Maus* is often classified as a memoir as it is based on Spiegelman's father's experience as a Polish Jew who lived through the Holocaust. The elder Spiegelman's experience involved multiple near death encounters, having to hide underground in bunkers, taking sanctuary in Polish homes, and finally being arrested by the Nazis and taken to Auschwitz where he survived even the concentration camp. In order to create *Maus*, which consists of seven volumes condensed into two books, Spiegelman interviewed his father. These visits are recounted within the book as *Maus* flips back between the historic past in Poland and present life in the United State. *Maus* shows how, through the interviews, the father and son begin to repair their broken relationship with one another. At the beginning of the book, Spiegelman even emphasized that he and his father were not very close before the interviews started.

Maus took thirteen years to complete and is often considered Spiegelman's most notable work for which he has won numerous awards including a Pulitzer Prize. In this work, the Nazis are represented as cats and the Jews as mice. This animalization portrays the Holocaust in a new light, as a game of cat and mouse. Yet this is what comics do best: boil things down to their simplest terms in order to leave readers with a powerful message.

The lecture was concluded with a Q & A session in which a little girl stood up in the audience, declared that she wanted to be a comic artist, and asked Spiegelman's advice to achieve her goal. Spiegelman answered, "Keep drawing in math class."

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Weekend Weather

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Sunny and
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Low: 26



Partly sunny

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Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 15 – Sick Student – On Chew St., there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 15 – Institutional Vandalism – In Walz Hall, basement, there was a report of vandalism found in the bathroom. The shower curtains were torn down. Plant Operations was notified to respond. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 15 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to a chair. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 15 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Nov. 15 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of theft of a radio. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 15 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of drug possession. The individuals were identified and the items were taken and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 15 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found coat. It is unknown to whom it belongs. The jacket was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 16 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. The owner was notified and claimed the item at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 17 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded to the scene. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 17 – Unauthorized Person/People – In Trexler Library, there was a report of an individual handing out inappropriate material. The individual was identified and left the area. A Letter of Trespass will be sent.

Nov. 17 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of several found items including two cups, a cosmetic

bag, and a small notebook. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 17 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 18 – Found Property – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found cell phone. Attempts were made to contact the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The phone was later returned to the owner.

Nov. 18 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost purse.

Nov. 18 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 18 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of found student ID cards. Messages were left with the owner to pick up the items at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 18 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 19 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Center for the Arts and the Center for the Arts west parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a light pole. An unknown vehicle hit the pole. The suspect vehicle is a grey Honda. The incident occurred at 4:44am. Plant Operations was notified to clean up the area and a electrician was notified to repair the pole. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Campus Safety.

Nov. 19 – Sick Student – In Robertson Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 19 – Sick Student – Off campus, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. There was no further incident.

Nov. 20 – Found Property – At the football stadium, there was

a report of a found check. The owner was notified. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 20 – Found Property – In the Prosser parking lot, there was a report of a found student ID card and room key. The owner later claimed the item.

Nov. 20 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a lost student ID card.

Nov. 20 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of drug possession. Items were removed and placed in the evidence locker at Campus Safety. The smoke detector in the room was found covered. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be sent to the resident. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 20 – Found Property – At the soccer stadium, there was a report of a found set of keys. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the items belong.

Nov. 20 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 20 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of found items including a computer power cord, a plastic bag, and a bottle of beer. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 20 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Seegers Union, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 21 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, third floor), there was a report of a noise complaint. The individuals were spoken to and dispersed. There was no further incident.

Nov. 21 – Check the Welfare/Locate – On N. 22nd St., while responding to a noise complaint, a Campus Safety officer heard yelling coming from a house. Allentown Police Department also responded. The individuals were spoken to. There was no further incident.

Nov. 21 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several empty and full beer and liquor bottles were located. The items were brought to Campus Safety and disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 21 – Larceny/Theft – On the front drive, there was a report of theft of Muhlenberg College flags and torn flags. There are no suspects at this time. Anyone with information concerning this matter, please contact Campus Safety.

Nov. 21 – Larceny/Theft – At the soccer stadium, a flag was stolen from the press box area. The item was a white banner with Muhlenberg in red. The banner is approximately 20 feet by 3 feet valued at \$500. The item was stolen between 4:00pm on Nov. 20 and 12:00pm on Nov. 21. There are no suspects at this time. Anyone with information is asked to contact Campus Safety.

Nov. 21 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle's driver's side mirror. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 22 – Injured Student – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student signed a medical refusal form. There was no further incident.

Nov. 22 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick visitor. The Health Center was notified and responded to the scene. Allentown EMS also responded and transported the individual to the hospital.

Nov. 22 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – On the Benfer drive, there was a report of an illegally parked unregistered vehicle with an excessive amount of tickets. A Campus Safety officer booted the vehicle. The vehicle was registered. An officer later removed the boot.

Nov. 22 – Larceny/Theft – In Walson Hall, first floor, there was a report of theft of an amplifier and a mixer. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 22 – Larceny/Theft –

In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 22 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost iPod.

Nov. 22 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 22 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified and a Campus Safety officer removed alcohol and a beer pong table and placed the items in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 23 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found earring. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 23 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Nov. 23 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism in the hallway. Explicit words and drawings were found. There are no suspects at this time. Housekeeping was notified to clean the area. Anyone with information on this matter should contact Campus Safety.

Nov. 23 – Fire/Safety Violation – At 2317 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire safety violation found while doing room checks before break. A burnt candle was found. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be sent.

Nov. 24 – Suspicious Person – On Liberty St., there was a report of suspicious individuals. Allentown Police Department also responded. Two non-students were arrested for Public Drunkenness.

Nov. 24 – Found Property – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a found bicycle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The bicycle was placed in the lost and found locker.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is full of beauty. Notice it."

- Ashley Smith

The Last Days Of Judas Iscariot: Brings courtroom drama to the next level!

BY BLAIR BLUM
LIFE WRITER

When audiences arrive to see "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot" they will be thrust into a "transformative world," in which a courtroom in Purgatory has been conjured from an abandoned junior high school classroom.

"The show is a flashy romp through history – which happens to take place in Purgatory," says Jenny Lerner '11, who plays lawyer Fabiana Aziza Cunningham. Her adversary in the show, Mike Bloom '11, who plays lawyer Yusef El-Fayoumy says, "The show is a humorous, yet humanizing, look at one of history's most notorious villains, Judas Iscariot."

Director Beth Schachter describes the show as a "fascinating version of a courtroom drama." Schachter, who is an associate professor of theater and director of the Women's Studies Program here at Muhlenberg, was attracted to the show because of its combination of humor and complicated subject matter. The play runs Dec. 1-5 in the 100-seat Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance.

"The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," by Stephen Adly Guirgis, takes place in the precinct of Hope, in downtown Purgatory. A trial has begun to determine the culpability of one of Western culture's most notorious villains: the betrayer of Jesus himself, Judas Iscariot. A parade of famous and infamous figures takes the stand: Mother Theresa, Sigmund Freud, Satan, Pontius Pilate (who pleads the Fifth). They debate with the two lawyers, arguing their points with a ferocious combination of biblical metaphor and urban trash-talk.

"Guirgis has taken historical figures that presumably

none of us have met before and made them interesting and funny – and actually very modern," says Lerner. "Every character in the play is someone who doesn't love themselves and feels that they are inadequate in some way. They are in Purgatory, but still grappling with issues from the past that are unresolved, and that is why they can't move on."

Guirgis' scathing – and hilarious – examination of faith, free will, and forgiveness explodes with unforgettable characters – cultural icons that appear not as figures in a storybook but as folks trying to cope with the big questions, when no big answers are forthcoming.

"The play is full of laughs and really interesting characters," says Lerner. "But it also has deep heart and deep emotion and asks the question of how our actions affect us."

"Everyone can connect to Judas," says Jessie MacBeth, who plays Judas Iscariot in the show. "He embodies humanity. Everyone makes mistakes. Everyone experiences doubt."

Schachter likes that, while the play focuses on Judeo-Christian history and events, the themes are much broader and are relevant to a large variety of people. "The play is less about particular sets of religious beliefs, practices, and history, and more about cultivating hope, faith, and the spirit of forgiveness," Schachter says. "People who see this show have the opportunity to consider how necessary but painful forgiveness can be."

Physical comedy plays a key role in this production of "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," Schachter says – although often in surprising ways. For example, there is a Keystone Kops-style scene with Roman soldiers and Judas that shifts suddenly and shockingly from slapstick to violence.

The show's long rehearsal period has allowed the actors to delve into their characters and discover the many layers underneath the surface characteristics. Bloom says that lawyer El-Fayoumy is "the most fun character I've played at Muhlenberg. He is very stacy and goes



A scene from *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*.

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An energetic scene from *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*!

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to great lengths to prove his point."

"I learned a lot about Judas while doing dramaturgy for the show," MacBeth says. "He had very few, but significant, objects in his life that bring out little elements of his character."

Many of the actors play more than one character, and many times the gender of the character does not match that of the actor. "The show defies stereotypes," says MacBeth.

"The show seems to be very self aware of theatre conventions," Lerner says. "And it plays with these conventions and bends the rules in many ways."

Because of the subject matter in "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," it is recommended for mature audience. Admission is only \$7 for the campus community.

The show will be performed Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 1-3, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m., in the Studio Theatre.

"The show is unlike any show people have seen before," says Bloom, "so you don't want to miss it!"

Fat Pig

BY RACHEL FANGER
LIFE WRITER

This past weekend the Red Door hosted the production of *Fat Pig*, directed by Judy Mandel. The story follows a man and his willingness to date a girl whom is deemed different from what the majority of society would find attractive. He pursues fat women. It is really an eye opening show because it allows society to take a pre-conceived notion of dating and spin it around.

Whether society wants to or not people constantly judge others, especially when it comes to relationships. People always wants others to accept whom their dating. Media does not help either with lashing out against weight, height, and even beauty. Many times people pursue relationships based on the media's notions of what makes people happy. For the main character in *Fat Pig*, he finds love in someone who is questionable to society because she is not whom many people would seek for a girlfriend. She is heavier but still an incredible girl. Instead of going for the girl that is very slim, tall, and notoriously described as beautiful by the media, he goes for the still beautiful, but heavysset girl.

The plot focuses on this man's relationship with this girl and how his friends and the people he works for view this recently blossomed romance. For a good portion of the play he is very reserved about his feelings towards this newfound relationship, but as the play progresses he becomes more open and starts defending the situation he is in. The production was very short so when the couple began to finally settle and not judge what others thought around them, the audience would think the couple would end up together; however, the play ends up not as one would hope.

At the end of the show, the couple breaks up and the main character realizes that their relationship is not realistic because he does care what people think. It is the sad truth. Life is not all about happy endings. It is nice that the play ends with a more realistic goal in mind. Often times how society judge's couples does affect relationships more than one would think. Although it is a bit heartbreaking how they do not end up together, it makes the audience more aware of the complexities of the show and what one can do to change certain issues in society.

Eat Cuisines from China to Thailand in One Meal!

BY AVNI MITTAL
LIFE WRITER

So it is a Friday night and you are tired of the dining hall and you are craving Asian food. You are looking for a place that serves sushi but also Pad Thai but isn't too far away. You take a moment and think, wait is that even possible? Fortunately it is! Check out Allentown's Asian Fusion Restaurant "Bamboo." Bamboo serves cuisines from China to Thailand.

I took my friend Lauren MacArthur for the first time and since then she has gone back and loved it. But for a first timer she advises, "do not get too overwhelmed by size of the menu, look at all the different sorts of cuisines you can have in one single meal." The dishes are reasonably priced and the service is nice and quick. The decoration is simple and nothing to over the top and it is a very comfortable environment to enjoy a nice meal. The food presentation is definitely a plus.

I was eating there one Friday night and my friend's cousin ordered the Tuna Tarta and the plate was beautifully designed while the dish itself was presented in a unique style as well. Everything on the menu is delicious, but if you are a sushi fanatic I definitely suggest ordering some.

All of them are excellent it just depends on what you prefer! I have taken many people there and since then they have gone back many times with others. Each time they go back to the restaurant it continues to surpass their previous experiences.

If you decide to be adventurous and try "Bamboo" send me an email and let me know what you think! You can reach me at Am244531@muhlenberg.edu. Reservations are recommended because the weekends can get pretty busy! "Bamboo" can be found at 345 S. Cedar Crest Blvd Allentown, PA 18103 and they can be contacted at (610) 770-8899.

For more information about the restaurant or to look at the menu, check out their website: <http://www.thebamboocuisine.com>

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Wiki What?

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

If you recently read the news or turned on the TV, you probably noticed the recent headlines about something called WikiLeaks. When the word Wiki is used in a sentence, the first thing that comes to mind is Wikipedia. Wikipedia, the infamous website of easy-to-read and accessible information is used by millions to obtain quick information on almost anything. Anyone can admit to spending an obscene amount of time clicking the highlighted words throughout the article, only to find yourself searching about a completely unrelated topic.

Recently though, the news has been plastered with articles about leaked documents by an organization called WikiLeaks. For those unfamiliar with WikiLeaks, it is a non-profit international organization that specializes in releasing concealed documents leaked by anonymous sources. Against common belief, WikiLeaks is not at all related to Wikipedia. Instead it involves a similar process of obtaining information from different sources and compiling it into a format that is easy and available to read. Founded by Julian Assange and compiled by volunteers, WikiLeaks releases information that would otherwise have been kept secret.

Many of these documents involve the government, other countries and high profile activity, such as wars and nuclear activity. The release of these private documents has created quite a stir throughout the world. Recently, various documents regarding the War in Afghanistan and Iraq were released stirring a controversy among world leaders. Former President George W. Bush stated that the leaks are detrimental to our relations with other leaders as well as to our trust with the American public. The leaks could lead to more distrust between Americans and their government. Secretary of State Hilary

Clinton also agreed that the leaks are dangerous to our country. She believes that it attacks relationships and national security, putting individuals at risk. Many political leaders condemn WikiLeaks and do not support its publication, but what does the public think about them. Many feel that the release of these documents is part of our right to know what is going on in our country. They believe that the government should not be keeping significant information from the public. Documents regarding the wars are important because the mother of a soldier should have access to information that may inform her about her son's actions.

Others opposed to the publication of WikiLeaks say that the leaking of secret documents causes distrust among the government and its people. Therefore it will be even more difficult for progress to ever be made. Also leaks create problems among countries. Countries that spend years establishing diplomatic relations may find them destroyed by new information released by WikiLeaks.

After reading the actual WikiLeaks, I can understand both sides of the argument. I do believe that we should be educated about current events that affect our lives. A certain sense of trust should be established between us and the government and the only way that can occur is if no secrets are kept. At the same time, if the government released every piece of information it had, the public's opinion could affect the progress of the government. If the public does not agree with something, it does not mean that it is necessarily wrong.

I think that with WikiLeaks, governments will either be more careful about what documents they create or try to inform their people about their plans before the documents are leaked. Either way, the world must get used to the continuous advancement of the internet and the new technology that comes with it.

Creative or Creepy?

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

As the internet continues to grow, more and more social networking websites are popping up.

As if Facebook wasn't enough, I was recently introduced to a new website called www.likealittle.com, an online flirting center. My friend showed me this website over break and I was surprised I had never heard about it or its concept before. Basically, a person inserts their crush's gender, hair color and location and writes a short message to go along with it. Each person is given an anonymous name, so no one's identity is truly found. Others can comment on a post adding their own input as to who the anonymous lover may be. According to the website's creators, who hail from Stanford, the goal of the site is to make flirting easier and more accessible. As much as I don't want to admit it, I found myself sharing this new website with my friends from home and seeing their reaction to it. Many campuses have already established their own sites. Muhlenberg is lucky enough to have its very own.

Viewing it for the first time can be quite alarming. Comments about the brunette at the GQ and the blonde male in Prosser can seem quite personal. I know the first time I viewed the website, I was a bit freaked out at its content. The fact that a person can

write down any information about a person they are interested in can be a little alarming. With all the social networking websites we have today, I should not be surprised with this new invention. With Facebook, people can have access to what you're doing and who you are friends with, thanks to the dandy friendship page just recently created. If there are online dating sites, why not take it a step further and online flirt?

Personally, I think this website is a clever way to add another website to stalk. After the Formspring phenomenon, it is no surprise that people want to become even more personable. I do feel though, that with the amount of people who have blonde, brown, and black hair, it might be a little difficult to tell who you are talking about. It is also very unlikely that that one person will be stalking the site to see when their secret crush writes about them.

It also makes me wonder about how the internet has become a growing dependency. Do we as a culture look to the web as a way to make friends, keep in touch and in this case, start a romantic relationship?

I predict that in a short while, likealittle.com will become a big hit, finding the screens of many college students eager to flirt at the ease of their fingertips.

AMC Weekend Listings



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Fri. 2:45, 6:50, 10:10
Sat. 2:40, 6:50, 10:10
Sun. 11:15, 2:45, 6:50

Burlesque

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:15, 4:20, 7:20

Love and Other Drugs

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 2:00, 4:40, 7:40

Unstoppable

Fri. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 8:00

Tangled in 3D

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00

The Next Three Days

Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:00

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Gridiron Mules lose in NCAA opening round

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

On Sat., Nov. 20, the Muhlenberg football Mules (7-4, 7-2) had little hope of beating the one-seed Wesley Wolverines (10-0, 9-0) in the first round of the DIII Football NCAA Playoffs. This year makes the fifth straight that Wesley has eliminated the Centennial Conference champion from the NCAA Tournament (three of which were Muhlenberg).

One minute into the fourth quarter, the Wolverines scored their seventh touchdown of the game, putting them ahead 46-0. However, the Mules fought back, avoiding the shutout, bringing the final score to 53-14.

The Mules' first touchdown came after Junior Cornerback Chase Nadell got into the backfield, blocking the Wolverine punt on the Muhlenberg 36. Junior Cornerback Chris Hartzell recovered the errant ball on the Wesley 47. On first-and-ten, Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan hit Sophomore Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn for two short yards. On the ensuing play, he went back to Vaughn for the rest of the 45 yards, and the touchdown. Senior Kicker Corry Whitehead's kick was good, making the score 46-7.

On the kickoff, the Mules attempted an onside kick,

which was successfully recovered on the 42-yard line. Deighan rushed for 38 yards on two plays. On the sixth play of the drive, Sophomore Running Back Terrence Dandridge finished the drive with a 3-yard rush into the end zone.

The Wolverines got into the end zone again on a 58-yard run. The game ended when time ran out with the Mules on the Wolverines' 8-yard-line.

Deighan led the Mules with 172 passing yards, with a touchdown, and 70 rushing yards. Vaughn was the top receiver with 97 yards on five receptions, with a touchdown. The defense was led, as usual, by captain, Senior Linebacker Patrick McDonough with nine tackles. Nadell contributed with eight tackles, one broken up pass, and a blocked kick.

This year, the Mules certainly turned things around. Last year, they finished 3-7, and improved to 7-4 this year, winning their ninth Centennial Conference title (three in the last four years).

Next year, the Mules offense will return Dandridge, Deighan, and Vaughn – all in their primes. It wouldn't be surprising if the Mules were back in the playoffs again next year.



Sophomore Quarterback Dan Deighan gearing up for one of his many passes down the field.

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PREVIOUS SCORES NOVEMBER 16-30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(4-0, 1-0)

19th vs Mt. St. Vincent	W 101-47
20th vs Richard Stockton	W 71-67
23rd Gettysburg	W 63-60

CROSS COUNTRY

(2-14, 2-8)

20th NCAA Championships	NTS
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

(4-1, 0-1)

15th Moravian	W 68-60
19th vs Rosemont	W 72-49
20th vs Gallaudet	W 80-51
23rd Gettysburg	L 67-74
29th King's	W 61-53

MEN'S SOCCER

(13-3-6, 5-1-3)

20th NCAA Tournament vs Merchant Marines	L 0-1
FOOTBALL	
(7-4, 7-2)	
20th NCAA Tournament @ Wesley	L 14-53

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with only five turnovers in 32 minutes. Freshman Forward Leeann Lanza was a force in the paint with six rebounds and two blocks to go along with four points (earning an extremely efficient PPS of 2.5).

Three days later, the Mules had their first challenge of the year, at home against the conference-rival Gettysburg Bullets (2-1, 0-1), who were ranked 16th in the NCAA Division III preseason poll conducted by D3hoops.com.

The Mules struggled early, turning the ball over four times in the first seven minutes and failing to knock down free throws. This led to a seven point deficit. However, Chili hit a shot and Senior Center Sheila Cook knocked down a jumper. Then, Zabrecky took over, pulling down three straight offensive rebounds then laying it in. From that minute on, the Mules had the lead until with 1:15 left. Gettysburg broke the tie with a free throw, putting them ahead. The teams exchanged baskets in the next minute, making the score 29-28 Gettysburg at the half.

The Bullets opened the second half with a 6-0 run, but the Mules fought back, regaining the lead five minutes into the half with a lay-up by Lanza. Within the next eight minutes, the teams exchanged the lead and tied three more times. After this, however, the Mules never surrendered the lead, winning 63-60. Zabrecky led the Mules with 19 points, seven rebounds, and five steals. Chili had 17 points, six rebounds and three assists. Muhlenberg exhibited phenomenal defense in the second half, keeping Gettysburg to 29% shooting.

The Mules next game will be at Swarthmore (3-1, 1-0), who is fresh off an impressive 63-49 win against Dickinson. Swarthmore is the best rebounding team Muhlenberg has had to face so far this season, averaging 44.2 per game, so the Mules will have to win the battle of the boards to stay perfect.

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Despite loss, "Proud to be a Mule"

By ANDREW RHODES
SPORTS WRITER

When the final horn sounded on Saturday, the result was a relatively unfamiliar one for the Men's Soccer Mules. The team had lost for just the second time at home all season (third overall). The Mules' "Sweet" return home to host one of four NCAA sectional championships was spoiled by Mariners of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, 1-nil.

The Mules were selected as sectional hosts, welcoming Messiah, Merchant Marine and Medaille to Allentown after an outstanding season. The Mules opened match play at 11:00am against the Mariners. Despite the early start, Mule fans were out in abundance Saturday morning.

Fans and Mule players alike created a sea of red on the pitch and sidelines. The crowd of 900, the largest attendance at Varsity Field this season, filled the stands and west sideline to rally behind the Mules in their first "Sweet 16" appearance since 1997.

Senior Mike Williams commented on how special it was to take the pitch at Varsity Field one final time. "We love playing at home," said Williams, "No one likes coming here to play." Fellow Senior Eric Williams shared that sentiment, "We've got one of the best crowds in the country. This is one of the hardest fields to play on."

The Mules hoped that frightening atmosphere would prove to be an advantage. The Mariners had other ideas.

Merchant Marine would create opportunities from the opening whistle, rattling off five shots on goal in just over 18 minutes of play. Early in the 19th minute, Mule Senior Keeper Jason Daniels saved a Mariner shot inside the box. The ball went right back to the foot of another Merchant Marine forward before a Mule could get to it. Twito put the final touch on his fifth goal of the season to put the Mariners up 1-nil. It was a lead the Mariners would not relinquish.

Though the Mules outshot the Mariners 16-15 (13-8 after the goal), 'Berg could not find the back of the net. They only put two shots on goal during the 90-minute match. Daniels kept his team in the game throughout with eight saves.

As the clock crept towards the 90-minute mark, Muhlenberg turned up the intensity. The Mules had six shots in the last 11 minutes of the match. In the 81st minute, Junior striker Cody Antonini ripped a shot from the upper left side of the box that beat the goalkeeper. The crowd collectively held its breath hoping to soon burst from the excitement that comes with the biggest goal of the season. But the ball hit the crossbar, bounced down and back up before a Mariner defender cleared the ball. "I took a little touch too far in front of me and I just got under it and life it up off the crossbar. It's an unlucky bounce, but it happens," said Antonini. Coach Sean Topping found the "unlucky bounce" to be a theme of the season. "That seems to happen to us a lot here," explained Topping, "We're a little unlucky."

It was the best chance the Mules would have all day to score the equalizer. "We didn't create a whole lot until the final ten minutes," said Topping.

Though the match's result didn't meet the Mules' expectations, the 2010 season will be one to remember. It included a 15-game unbeaten streak, a consistent national ranking, just three losses (two to Swarthmore), an appearance in the Conference Championship game, and Head Coach Sean Topping surpassed the 100 career win mark. The most notable accomplishments are the two NCAA tournament wins (against Keene State and Stevens). Winning those hard fought matches resulted in hosting the NCAA Sectional and being one of the best 16 teams in the country. Those highlights will help Senior back Eric Williams remember the 2010 campaign fondly. "This season was not a disappointment by any means," said Williams, "I'm proud to be a Mule."

Williams and the rest of the Mule Seniors can reflect on their final season knowing it was one of the best in program history.

Meanwhile, Coach Topping will now look towards next season, focusing on recruiting. He will keep in the back of his mind the great run his team had this year and probably even use it to his advantage in winning over prospective student-athletes. "It's a great season to get to the Sweet 16," said Topping, "It's disappointing to lose here at home, but unless you win it all, someone's going to lose."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2-9

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 2nd, 7:30
Swarthmore

Dec. 4th, 2:00
@ Washington College

Dec. 7th, 7:30
Bryn Mawr

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 1st, 7:30
Swarthmore

Dec. 4th, 4:00
@ Washington College

Dec. 8th, 8:00
@ Dickinson

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Messiah

Dec. 4th, 9:00
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FROM MEN | PAGE 12 game. The Mules defeated the Bison 80-51 in a rout and won the Scotty Wood Tournament for the first time since the 2008-09 season.

The Scotty Wood championship means a lot to every member of the team, but for the four senior captains, it has a special meaning to them. Senior Guard Steve Cavanaugh said, "Winning the Scotty Wood Tournament is always important to any Mules basketball player regardless of age or class year, but winning it in your last go around is like icing on the cake. I think I can speak for the other three seniors in saying that we are well aware of the fact that this is our last year in a Mules' uniform which makes every step in the process that much more important and special. This Scotty Wood weekend has set the tone for the rest of the season, and hopefully we will take care of business in league play." The championship will hopefully launch a string of wins against conference opponents, as the Centennial Conference portion of the schedule starts Nov. 23 with a game against Gettysburg College.

The Mules also had three members honored on the All-Tournament team. They were Liddic, Tozer, and Curry. The three of them provided timely baskets and great pressure defense, that ultimately put Muhlenberg in a position to win.

When Cavanaugh was asked about what people should expect from the Mules this year and within the Centennial Conference he said, "I think people can expect our team to compete very hard every night regardless of the match up. Our team responds to adversity better than any team I have been on here and we really are trying to develop an overall toughness on both ends of the floor. The Centennial Conference is one of the top Division 3 Conferences in the country hands down. That being said we will face some more than qualified opponents, but I believe we have the talent, work ethic, and character across the board to make a push this year. Defense will be our cornerstone but we also have offensive firepower which stretches the length of the bench. Bottom line, people can expect this years team to scrap and claw every step of the way." The leadership provided by Seniors Cavanaugh, Tozer, Kevin O'Hara, and Dave Gwyn will help the entire team become a great basketball team.

The Mules face the Gettysburg Bullets on Tuesday night at Memorial Hall, and then their next two games are home against Kings College and Swarthmore College. The Swarthmore game on Dec. 1 is the last home game until Sat., Jan. 8 against McDaniel. The Mules are well on their way to a great season after winning Scotty Wood.

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Mules provide solid performances during annual Scotty Wood; Chili, Liddic MVPs

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

On Tues., Nov. 26, Muhlenberg beat Gettysburg 63-60, their fourth win in a row. The Mules' latest win was in a string that includes wins from the Scotty Wood

Tournament.

After their first win against Moravian at home, the Mules started the Scotty Wood Tournament with a dominating 101-47 first round win against Mount St. Vincent. The game was highlighted by Junior Guard Alex Chili arriving at the 1,000 point plateau. With 13 minutes left to play, Chili hit a three from the corner. A timeout was called, and the crowd gave Chili a standing ovation as the entire Muhlenberg team crowded around her.

The Mules were never in doubt of winning the game, building a double-digit lead 10 minutes into the game – a lead which they never surrendered. Chili led the Mules with 29 assists and four steals. Freshman Forward Alita Zabrecky contributed a double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds, along with 5 steals); the second of her career. The Mules only turned the ball over 14 times, with an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2-to-1. With the win, Muhlenberg advanced to the championship game to face the Richard Stockton Ospreys.

The Ospreys were tougher to put down, although they only led once -- 3-2. At the half, the Mules led, 38-27. With 13 minutes to go in the game, an 8-0 run by the Ospreys was capped with a three, putting the Ospreys within three of the Mules. Richard Stockton was able to keep it close, still trailing by three points with three minutes to go in the game. However, they never got closer than this. The Mules won the game, 71-67, and the trophy.

Chili, who won MVP honors, led the team with 21 points, six rebounds, and two steals. Sophomore Forward Alita Zabrecky contributed, just missing a double-double, with 14 points and nine boards. Senior Guard Alexandra Berlin, filling in at point guard, had nine points and seven assists.

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BY PETER JOHNSON
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend, Muhlenberg College hosted the annual Scotty Wood Tournament at Memorial Hall. The men's teams included the Mules, the Bison from Gallaudet University, the Colonels from Wilkes University, and the Ravens from Rosemont College. The Mules proved to be, by far, the best team in the entire pool after defeating the Ravens and the Bison by a combined total of 52 points. Muhlenberg dominated in every facet of the game: defense, offense, rebounding, and the desire to win.

On Friday night, the Mules went up against Rosemont College in the opening round of the tournament. Rosemont was seen as a tough opponent going into the game, and through the early stages they put up a strong fight. The Ravens are lead by Head Coach Ryan Tozer, who coincidentally is the older brother of Muhlenberg Senior starter Evan Tozer. This story line was a nice edition to an already anticipated matchup in the Scotty Wood Tournament. This game though was all about Junior forward Spencer Liddic as he once again led the team in points.

Liddic scored 21 points and also added six rebounds as he showed why he is one of the best players in the Centennial Conference. His performance so far shows he can make the Mules a team dangerous to face as an opponent. Tozer had 11 points and five assists as he also showed his knowledge and experience in big games such as this one. The Mules ended up defeating Rosemont by a score of 72-49 and advanced to the final Saturday night against Gallaudet University who defeated Wilkes earlier on Friday.

Gallaudet was also seen as a tough opponent and a tough test for the Mules, but once again Muhlenberg proved to be the stronger team. 'Berg was lead by Liddic who scored an amazing 32 points in only 25 minutes of game time and added 14 rebounds. It was his second double-double of the season, but every member of the team contributed in this win. Freshman Guard Austin Curry and Freshman Forward James Albano were the other leading scorers in this

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Mules, Torphy soar at NCAA Regionals

BY G.M.S
SPORTS WRITER

On Nov. 13 the Men and Women's Cross-Country team headed to Slippery Rock, PA to compete in the

NCAA Mideast Regional's, hosted by Carnegie Mellon. With greater competition came even better results for both Mule teams.

Freshman Nicole Cronin and Sophomore Samantha Mayden both ran top-40 times to assist the women to finish 12th out of 45 teams. Mayden, meanwhile, also earned all-region honors for her 27th-place overall finish. She finished the 6-kilometer Cooper's Lake Campground course in 23:19.9, less than six seconds ahead of Cronin, who just missed out on all-region honors by finishing 36th.

The Centennial Conference showed its strength once again by placing the top two teams in each race. Haverford took the men's team title, followed by Dickinson. Johns Hopkins won the women's race, while the Red Devils once again finished runners-up.

Both the Mule men and women beat Moravian to give Muhlenberg a one-point lead (4-3) in the Matte Award standings heading into the winter sports season.

* The Men's squad was pretty groovy as well, finishing 9th out of 47 competing teams. Senior Bobby Torphy finished 20th overall by running a 25:50.1. This performance earned him All-Region honors for the second year in a row and also helped him procure an at-large bid to the next week's NCAA Championships.

Junior Will Lowery came in 50th, as the Mules beat two



Senior Bobby Torphy with the Elite 88 award at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships.

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teams they finished behind at the Centennial Conference meet (Swarthmore and Gettysburg) to end the day ninth out of a pool of 47 competing teams.

Just another fun fact, Torphy is the third Mule runner to qualify for the national field as an individual in back-to-back years. He placed 169th out of 276 athletes last year.

Torphy has also qualified for nationals in indoor track and field twice, earning All-America honors in 2009.

Bobby Torphy then went on to receive the Elite 88 award at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, hosted by Wartburg in Waverly, Iowa.

The Elite 88 award, instituted in the fall 2009 season, is presented to the student-athlete with the highest grade-point average at each of the NCAA's 88 championships. Torphy also received the prestigious honor at the 2010 Indoor Track and Field Championships and is the only person in the short history of the award to win it twice.

Torphy was presented with the award at a banquet on Friday. As for the race itself, on Saturday, Torphy finished 146th out of 279 runners with a brilliant 25:45.5, an improvement of 23 places from his finish at the national meet last year.

Torphy was part of a strong showing by the Centennial Conference: Haverford won the team national champion and had the individual champion, and Dickinson came in fifth.

Congratulations to all competitors and we wish all those competing in indoor track the best of luck!

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Final Ten Thousand Villages sale raises \$22,771

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Villages Festival Sale. The first fair was held in 2001 and brought in about \$11,600 for the non-profit organization. In other years, the sale made a staggering \$28,000 in revenue making the College the most successful host for the festival among all colleges and universities in the nation. The sale is traditionally organized by Professor Gail Eisenberg's Not-for-Profit Marketing class as part of the service-learning component of the class. This year the class of twenty students spent all semester planning and organizing different components of the sale and obviously their hard work paid off.

The sale brought in \$22,771 in revenue for the non-profit company of Ten Thousand Villages, which is an increase from last years sales. In fact, Chris Oliver, manager of Ten Thousand Villages Festival sales, said that the College's sale

Last week the College hosted its last Ten Thousand Villages sale was the only one to have seen an increase. Ten Thousand Villages is thrilled with the results and Professor Eisenberg's class certainly has much to be proud of. Ten Thousand Villages is so committed



Students of Not-for-Profit Marketing Class-

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to the principles of fair trade and to the artisans they employ that they didn't allow the worsening economy to affect their purchasing power. Instead of telling artisans

they couldn't afford to buy their products until they sold some of their inventory, Ten Thousand Villages continued to purchase items as usual in order to support the artisans. Unfortunately, this resulted in an immense inventory for the company. In order to combat this, the company opened up more retail locations around the nation, one of which is the new store that just opened in the Lehigh Valley Mall. It is because of this that this year marked the last festival sale the college will hold.

Besides simply raising money for Ten Thousand Villages, the class also learned much about fair trade and what it means to be a non-profit in the global economy. Instead of simply reading about the pros and cons of fair trade in a textbook, the class was able to actually live out the principles, making the entire process infinitely more accessible. Instead of being some far-reaching notion, the work the class put into the implementation of the sale showed that it was something that could be undertaken at the collegiate level.

Psychology Day: Presentations of Research and Discoveries

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE! EDITOR

internships they might have had over the summer. New majors can look ahead to the research and work involved in upper level classes such as Research Methods, Advanced Lab, and Research Apprenticeships and Independent Studies. Senior majors can look back at the progress they have made through the years as well as note their intellectual development.

Psychology Day began with an overview of the various sections of psychology from the director of the Psychology Department, Dr. Laura Edelman, and another psychology professor and the keynote speaker, Dr. Kathleen Harrington. Together, they discussed the questions regarding human behavior that they and many other psychological scientists ponder and the vast amount of "research methodologies and quantitative tools to collect and interpret data" they use in order to find answers to their questions. Dr. Harrington specifically focused on the integration of the sub-disciplines of and other academic and professional disciplines. For example, Dr. Harrington discussed a question a psychological scientist might ponder regarding the relationship between mirrors and the self-esteem of dancers. Most people might assume that the mirrors might lend dancers to have a negative body image of their selves and there was research conducted in order to see if various assumptions such as this might hold any water. Dr. Harrington also discussed her present and future research plans with Dr. Edelman, which include finding

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Remembering Michael Kursar

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Michael Kursar '13.

For additional details and information Michael's Memorial Service, please see page 2.

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Campus remembers Michael Kursar

It is with extreme grief and difficulty that we address the recent death of Sophomore Michael Kursar. Out of respect to his friends and family, so close to his Dec. 5 passing, The Weekly will not be printing an obituary or a news article. This isn't about reporting, it is about honoring and remembering our fellow student with respect, integrity, and honesty.

In the days following Michael's tragic passing, the College has taken steps to help bring grieving students together. One thing that has been expressed by students across all class years is that the strength of the Muhlenberg community has truly provided support during these past few days. Our small campus has felt more united than ever as we come together to try to talk through our many emotions.

While the effect that this has had on us all as a community is clear, it is important to consider our own, individual feelings. We all experience grief in very different, personal ways, and it is important to remain honest with ourselves as we cope.

In the process of trying to figure out how to address a tragedy as horrible as this, we spent a lot of time speaking with Counselors, Chaplains, and other members of our community. Something that stuck out in our conversations was the sensitive explanation of Chaplain Peter Bredlau. In a situation this delicate, every one of us is bound to feel many different emotions. And it is important to be honest with ourselves about them. As Chaplain Bredlau expressed, if you feel sad and want to cry, let it out. If you feel like you need to laugh, that's fine too. This all goes back to our individual grieving processes, and we can help each other through by accepting all of these emotions.

"My recommendation to students now, during break, and going forward, is to be patient and gentle with one another, and to make sure to use their social networks and support systems - in person and electronic - to explore all of their feelings and reactions in a constructive way," said Chaplain Bredlau. "I'm impressed with the way

that students are supporting one another, as evidenced at the gathering on Sunday night, and I hope that we can keep supporting each other into the new year."

This past Sunday, President Helm invited students to come together in the Wood Dining Commons for talk, prayer, and reflection. The campus continues to invite students to engage in conversation through attending extended hours at the Counseling Center and reaching out to the College Chaplains, RAs, and professors. The Counseling Center extended hours will continue today; it will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Students wishing to schedule meetings or leave anonymous information can call Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, at extension 3178. In addition, Chaplain Bredlau can be reached at extension 3120 and Chaplain Mittleman can be reached at extension 3244. We cannot express enough the importance of these resources as each of us continues to cope.

A big step in this process is the ability to pay our respects to Michael, and the College has worked to organize ways to do so. A 54-seat bus has been reserved to take students to the funeral home in Clinton, NJ for calling hours today, Thurs., Dec. 9. One bus will leave for the calling hours from 2-4 p.m. and the second from 7-9 p.m. The memorial service will be held tomorrow, Fri., Dec. 10, at 11 am. Due to limited seating in the Clinton church, the College will be streaming the service for students through a live webcast in Egner Chapel. Following this service, the College invites the campus community to come together for a reception, where students, residence hall staff, counselors, and chaplains can all come together. And as we've seen over the past few days, this ability to unite as a campus is what gives us strength the most. As Mike Bruckner put it, "While this is a tragic event, as I look back on the community gathering and all of the events, I know that we have a strong, caring community. It is this community that gives me great confidence that we will come through this."

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Obama tax cut deal



Current Events

VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

Here's to another blown Obama promise. Because of his anxiety over the newly elected House, Obama has quickly struck a tax deal with the Republicans. This new deal extends all the George W. Bush tax cuts for two years, which means that Americans will have the same tax cuts that they have had for the past two years. Because of this, the debate over tax reform will once again be addressed in the 2012 presidential campaign, where President Obama will promise another

tax reform that he can't produce.

With this deal, Obama has received a 13-month extension of unemployment insurance, a 2% reduction in employee payroll taxes next year, and the continuation of a variety of tax credits geared toward lower- and middle-income Americans. This cut would save lower-income families a little under \$1,000 and middle-income families around \$2,000. The White House has said that this payroll tax cut and unemployment insurance extension will provide about \$176 billion in economic stimulus over the next year.

The estate tax was also a part of the deal. The Republicans won a cut in estate tax to 35% in addition to a higher \$5 million exemption on taxes.

In response to the deal, Obama acknowledged that there were many things about it he strongly dislikes, but he explained that it was necessary to alleviate the opportunity for the Republicans to cause a stalemate, which he referred to as "a chilling prospect for the American people."

"We have arrived at a framework of a bipartisan agreement," Obama said. "For the next two years, every American family will keep their tax cuts."

Though the deal has been struck, the Democrats have stressed that it will not be final until it is run by their colleagues on Tuesday.

The following are the details of the deal as of right now, according to *Newsweek* writer Richard Wolf:

- Extends unemployment insurance for 13 months. Two million workers in December, and 7 million over the next year, would have lost benefits otherwise
- Provides a one-year, 2% reduction in employees' Social Security payroll taxes, lowering the rate from 6.2% to 4.2%, at a cost of \$120 billion.
- Keeps the Earned Income Tax Credit and American Opportunity Tax Credit increases from last year's economic stimulus law, for another \$40 billion in tax cuts for families and students.
- Allows businesses to write off 100% of their capital purchases next year.
- Sets the estate tax at 35% for two years, with a \$5 million exemption on assets that's higher than last year's \$3.5 million. The rate came down under Bush's policy from 55% before 2001 to 45% in 2009 before expiring this year. It was set to return to 55% next year.
- Protects millions of taxpayers from seeing their taxes raised in 2011 under the Alternate Minimum Tax.

The current deal, "will allow us to extend all current tax rates and give economic recovery and job creation a chance. The failure to reach and pass an

agreement preventing a tax hike would have been devastating for families, especially those who are still looking for work" according to Rep. Dave Camp (R), who will be the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee next year.

Senator Mitch McConnell has responded to the deal, stating, "I appreciate the determined efforts of the President and Vice President in working with Republicans on a bipartisan plan to prevent a tax hike on any American and in creating incentives for economic growth. Their efforts reflect a growing bipartisan belief that a new direction is needed if we are to revive the economy and help put millions of Americans back to work."

There are two aspects of the deal that President Obama has expressed his dislike for, the first being the temporary extension of tax cuts for upper-income Americans. The second is the estate tax exemption more generous for the same time period. "It will become apparent that we can't afford these tax cuts any longer" Obama said. It is expected debate on tax reform will be the focus of the 2012 presidential election.

Though neither party is entirely happy with the deal, it will alleviate the possibility of a gridlock and prevents the increase of taxes, an average of \$3,000 for a typical family.

Social issues - off limits?



ADAM YU
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

Discussing social issues has become an automatic "no-no" in almost any context. We have become so accustomed to trying to be politically correct in every situation, and the fear of offending anyone is a constant worry. Teachers, parents, politicians, and friends are conditioned to keep their opinions to themselves. To be frank, we don't want to appear racist, sexist, intolerant, cold, or elitist. It seems as though the potential consequences of raising any opinion on today's hot topics are too great to risk. If you oppose gay marriage or support a woman's right to choose to have an abortion, then you are likely to have your head ripped off by a gay rights activist or by an ardently religious person. Social issues tend to raise impulsive, emotionally driven discussion, if it can actually be called discussion. More times than not, debates over social issues end in sour feelings and bitterness. When did the practice of an intelligent exchange of ideas and opinions go out the door? We shouldn't be afraid to make our opinions known and we shouldn't ever close other points of view out.

Having said that, maybe I should take the risky step of offering some thoughts on two of today's most relevant social issues. Controversial debate has arisen over the thought of instituting gay mar-

riage and the right to have an abortion. Contemporary questions have arisen about these two topics within the last 10 years. President Bush and a number of conservative Congressional Republicans tried to amend the US Constitution in the hopes of defining "legitimate marriage" as solely between a man and a woman; the well known Proposition 8, which sought to define marriage in similar terms for the California State Constitution, was brought before the voters of California in 2008 and was being challenged in court this Monday. In the last few years several states have moved towards permitting gay marriage. Recent policy proposals and actions have also been brought with regard to abortion. A partial-birth abortion ban was taken up by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in 2003. Debate arose during President Obama's early months in office over foreign funding going to fund abortions, and within the last year or so as the debate over health care reform ensued, many Republicans raised concerns over abortions having the potential to be covered under taxpayer funded high-risk insurance pools. These two issues are still relevant and deserve all of our input.

The general guideline for government intervention on social issues, such as marriage and abortion, should be a very limited role. Minimal government decision making on these issues is better and appropriate for the intent of government. The questions over these two specific issues reflect the opinions and will of the public and will have a direct effect on our society, so the public itself should have a greater say in determining the answers to them.

The federal government greatly overstepped its authority when it brought up a Constitutional amendment defining marriage for the whole country. Neither the President nor the Congress ought to be the ultimate deciders; furthermore the US Constitution is not the place for this issue. Instead, the best place to go to for answers are the people themselves. The definition of marriage clearly varies throughout the country. The American people are so diverse and have a wide range of stances on legalizing gay mar-

riage. Now that legalizing gay marriage is gaining traction, any state that wishes to permit gay marriage should act in a similar fashion as California. Each state, which represents a smaller community within the larger country as a whole, should allow the public's desire to shape policy. The answer is simple: ask the voters what they want.

With regard to abortion, the federal government should work to limit its role, similarly to the issue of marriage, but should have more of a role in protecting fairness. The practice of abortion should remain a private one, free of the public. Abortion providers should be allowed to practice freely and any patient seeking treatment should be able to receive it without fear of violence or retribution from opponents. Just as in the case of marriage, we must take everyone into consideration when ruling on the issue. The ability to choose is a right everybody deserves.

These issues require fairness. If citizens of a state want to permit gay marriage, then that decision should be protected under the law and deserves the respect of all citizens of that state. The "majority rules" principle applies to the opposite situation. If voters are provided with the opportunity to vote on giving the green light for gay marriage and they reject it, then that decision ought to stand. Remember we have to open up the decision making to citizens and allow their voices to be heard. Just as a Constitutional amendment setting a na-

tional definition of marriage would set unfair restrictions on each community, so would continuously challenging and insulting a legal and fair decision made by voters to reject gay marriage. Also, any religious institution or figure should be protected from retribution should he/she refuse to carry out a religious marriage ceremony. If religious leaders believe gay marriage is in direct contrast to their beliefs, they can't be forced to perform such an act. Religious institutions are separate, private entities and should not be tied to the public's decision.

Every woman does have the right to choose to have an abortion, but every woman who chooses to oppose abortion should have the right to remove themselves from the practice. Any opponent must allow abortion clinics to operate. Abortion clinics and providers should not receive federal or state taxpayer funding.

Requiring those who oppose abortion to aid in its practice is equally wrong as denying a patient seeking an abortion. Patients should pay for their own abortions, except in cases of rape, because it is an elective procedure, or clinics should fund themselves through private fundraising.

Generally speaking, we do not have a role in determining whether or not gay marriage or abortion is morally wrong. Arbitrarily denying gay marriage rights or abortion rights is wrong. We have the ability to make fair decisions on what our will is. Everyone must have a say.

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the connection between the influences of music and whether it makes groups of people come together in the way of bonding, or performing certain tasks together. This is essentially the basic structure of all the presentations including poster presentations held in Miller Forum and oral presentations held in separate little rooms in Moyer.

Poster presentation groups consisted of a maximum of four students and they stood by their power-point presentations printed out and attached to a bulletin board in the Miller Forum, which consisted of a question that they spent weeks trying to answer via feedback from various groups of people through surveys, which served as research for finding an answer to their question. For example, one presentation consisted of a question regarding the sexual activity of athletes and non-athletes. Mary Ann Collins, Francesca Martinez, Joana da Silva, and Kristen Wehrle questioned how gender and sports were involved with sexual activity. To begin the research project they constructed a hypothesis and part of their hypothesis was that athletes were more sexually active than non-athletes. Apparently, they discovered previous research to support their hypothesis as well. The second part of their project included conducting their own research where they handed out a survey to 26 undergraduate students, which questioned their opinions on sexual behavior with athletes and non-athletes.

Their survey was constructed with a 2x2 factorial, which questioned the affects of both gender and sports on sexual activity. The third part of their project included sorting through the research and determining their findings. They concluded after thoroughly examining their collection of data that out of every possible group (male athletes, male non-athletes, female athletes, and female non-athletes) male athletes was the most sexually active group. In addition, they found that male athletes were more sexually active than female athletes. However, they also found that female non-athletes more sexually active than male non-athletes. This showed the presenting group that gender was not a determining factor as to whether a group is more sexually active than another group. Despite the fact that their hypothesis was correct regarding the fact that athletes were more sexually active than non-athletes, athleticism is also not a determining factor as to whether a group is more sexually active than another group.

Another example of a poster presentation held in Miller Forum involved the relationship between misogynistic rap music and the self-esteem of women. This group helped obtain their idea for their presentation from Dr. Harring who as we discovered earlier is investigating the relationship between music and the behavior of groups of people. This group consisting of Matthew Brooks, Dori Lewis, Alexa

Peikon, and Jordan Shafer hypothesized that misogynistic rap music would lower the self-esteem of women. For those of you who may not know what misogynistic means, because I didn't originally know what it meant, it refers to vulgar language used in different styles of music such as rap or hip-hop. To conduct this survey they presented ten women with clips of misogynistic rap music from Dr. Dre and a clip with neutral rap from Immortal Tech. The group's hypothesis was correct as women experienced lower self-esteem when listening to the music with offensive and degrading lyrics about women from Dr. Dre versus the music of neutral rap from Immortal Tech. They used the Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale in order to measure self-esteem. After this presentation I learned that when conducting research, however, there are limitations that must be taken into account. The first limitation would be that they only surveyed ten women. They didn't have a vast amount of participants and therefore don't have as solid as results as they could have had. They also didn't consider other factors involved in misogynistic rap including culture and social context. Learning how to conduct empirical research is not easy, but essential to the education of the psychology major. Through this experience of conducting research and collecting data, students are strengthening their critical thinking skills and have the ability to look at people through different lenses.

There were many interesting poster presentations, however, there were also many great oral presentations conducted as well. For example, there was an oral presentation given by Sydney Miller, Julia Mosgowsky, Danielle Winston, and Deena Wolloch regarding family engagement: the partnership between family and child. They stated that previous research has been constructed to prove that the more parents are involved with their children and their academics, the better academic success their children will have. The group hypothesized that children whose parent's were most involved in the school with teachers and the homework itself were in the ethnic majority versus the ethnic minority. They conducted this research by analyzing forty surveys given to parents whose children go to South Mountain Middle School. After sorting through their research they found that the minority seemed to be most involved with talking to the teachers and helping with the homework at home. The limitations of this project include the fact that they only considered forty surveys and that the ethnic minority is the majority of this specific school in Allentown.

All of the presentations throughout the two hours were very informative and interesting. I was there the full two hours and learned a lot about the work conducted and the questions that psychologists ponder for a living. I hope everyone that went had a great time and for those that missed it there is expected to be Spring 2011 Psychology Day May 3rd, so you too can have a chance to share the experience.

Officer Gerken installs bike patrol unit

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
NEWS WRITER

After Mr. Robert Gerken became the new head of Campus Security in October, he started a new initiative on campus to install a bike patrol unit within Campus Security. Mr. Gerken's desire for the program emanates from the fact that he has witnessed the effectiveness of a bike patrol program at other colleges' and universities' Public Safety Departments.



A bike patrol program offers many benefits to the Muhlenberg Campus Security unit and the Muhlenberg community. Mr. Gerken comments on these benefits, "Officers on bicycles can often get to some locations faster than by vehicle and certainly quicker than on foot." This will allow Campus Security to have a greater presence on the campus. Further, the bike program will allow Campus Security officers to have a more direct interaction with the Muhlenberg community.

Another positive of the bike program is that less cars will used, which is better for the environment. Mr. Gerken commented that he is really excited to see the program up and running in its entirety and looks forward to watching it succeed. Moreover, Allison Diamond '14, who is on the EnAct executive board, commented, "I think the new bike patrol will positively influence the campus. It is also really exciting to see Campus Security taking action to help the environment and it is nice that Campus Security's new bike program coincides with EnAct's new bike program."

Through EnAct, the new policy allows students to rent bikes for a day, a week, a whole semester, for a single deposit. Currently, there are three Campus Safety Officers who will be in the Bicycle Patrol Unit; Officer James Thamarus, Officer Thomas Madea, and Officer Blas Santiago. Officer Thamarus will be supervising this unit and he is already on bicycle patrol since he has already received his certification from the International Police Mountain Bike Association. Officers Madea and Santiago will be receiving this training and certification within the next several weeks, so be on the look for them around campus!

This program will continue throughout the winter despite the any severe weather that may come towards Allentown. Further, Sasha Dubyk, member of the Class of 2014 comments on the program, "I think that the new bike patrol program will add a new sense of security on campus and will increase the relationship students have with Campus Security. I am very excited to see the program up and running in its entirety."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Snow flurries High: 37 Low: 28	Some sun and clouds High: 41 Low: 28	Rain possible, windy High: 41 Low: 34

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 30 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. The owner was notified and picked up the item at Campus Safety.

Nov. 30 – Found Property – In Ettinger, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 30 – Larceny/Theft – In Ettinger, third floor, there was a report of theft of a wallet from a purse. A credit card was used for several unauthorized purchases. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In East Hall (Block G, third floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 1 – Safety Hazard – At 2238 Chew St. (Hillel), there was a report of several pieces of construction material in the roadway due to high winds. A Campus Safety officer retrieved the materials and placed the items back on the construction site.

Dec. 1 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of a found student ID card. Several attempts were made to contact the owner. The ID card was placed in the lost

and found locker.

Dec. 1 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded to the scene. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Dec. 1 – Lost Property – In Parents Plaza, there was a report of a lost "Reality MC" banner. Individuals were later seen on surveillance video taking down the banner and throwing it in the trash. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 2 – Lost Property – report of a lost jacket.

Dec. 2 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost computer cable.

Dec. 2 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost hand held radio.

Dec. 2 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found wallet and student ID card. The wallet was returned to the owner and the student was notified to pick up the ID card at the Campus Safety office.

Dec. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, upper level,

there was a report of vandalism to a wooden bench. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 3 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of found items. It is unknown when the items were turned in. The items include an umbrella, a notebook, gloves, and two flash drives.

Dec. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of vandalism to the



trophy case. Plant Operations was notified to respond to clean the area. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 4 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found key. The item was placed in the lost and found

locker. Residential Services were notified. It is unknown to whom the item belongs to at this time.

Dec. 4 – Injured Student – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of an injured student. Allentown Police and Allentown EMS responded as well. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Dec. 4 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of several individuals in a home. This conduct was observed while responding to a call of an injured student. Campus Safety officers cleared the house. A Disruptive Conduct Policy will be issued to the residents.

Dec. 4 – Found Property – On Chew St., there was a report of a found wallet. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. Campus Safety was unable to notify the owner.

Dec. 4 – Found Property – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found student ID card. The owner was notified and will pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Dec. 4 – Lost Property – On Liberty St., there was a report

of a lost wallet. The wallet was later found and returned to the owner.

Dec. 4 – Vehicle Lock Out – Off campus, there was a report of a student who locked their keys in a vehicle at a local off campus location. A Campus Safety officer responded to the scene and retrieved the keys from the vehicle.

Dec. 4 – Lost Property – On Liberty St., there was a report of a lost purse.

Dec. 4 – Disturbance – At 318 Albright St., there was a report of a roommate dispute. A Campus Safety officer responded to the scene and spoke with the individuals. Residential Services were notified.

Dec. 5 – Institutional Vandalism – On the front drive, there was a report of vandalism to a bench. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 5 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost bicycle.

Dec. 5 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID card. The ID card was returned to the owner.

Dec. 5 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of theft of a wall plaque and sign. There are no suspects at this time.

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Life!

"The doors we open and close each day
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- Flora Whittemore

Living Writers hosts poet Alan Michael Parker

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Last Wednesday, Muhlenberg College and the Living Writer series hosted its last writer of the semester, esteemed poet Alan Michael Parker. The Living Writers class, co-taught by Professor Linda Miller and Professor Jim Bloom, allows students to read and study contemporary works and then gives them the opportunity to meet and question the authors in moderated discussions. Parker's visit represents the culmination of the series and the second poet who has visited the college for the series.

The Living Writers class read his anthology of poems entitled, "Elephants and Butterflies" and were granted the opportunity to ask Parker questions about the collection, poetry and general, and what it means to be a poet.

Many of the questions that were directed at Parker focused on the greater underlying themes that were woven throughout his collection. Many students were interested in the spiritual and religious undertones that seemed evident through the readings. Parker quipped, "Are you really asking me if I believe in God?" and tried to deflect to the next question. He continued sidestepping the issue until finally he began to talk about the "I", the Alan Michael Parker, in his poems. He related God, religion, and questions of the eternal soul by inquiring into his own personal journey and investigating the fate of humanity. This only left the class with more unanswerable questions, but probably gave Parker more material for his next poems.

Parker admitted to being frustrated with his profession at times since "90% of [his] work is revising" and realizing that even a completed poem is never actually finished. However, he seems to realize that there's a reason for why he writes stating, "I learn tons and I continue to learn tons (about self-knowledge, individual solace, etc) which is why I am still writing."

When Parker was asked about his personal experiences being reflected in his



Poet Alan Michael Parker

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poetry he wisely stated, "I'm interested in art as an object and you (the reader) having a true experience or realization from it...If it moves you, then I have accomplished something. If the reader goes looking for me (Parker), I think they're actually looking for themselves."

Besides engaging in a question and answer session with the students from the Living Writers class, Parker also held a reading later in the night, which was open to the surrounding community. He read not only from the book the class had studied, but also brought in older poems as well as poems from his newest anthology that is in the publication process.

It was intriguing for students to hear the poems they had studied read aloud by the creator, with all the pauses and inflections he had intended. Parker also introduced the audience to different kinds of poems, whether they were in list form as in the incredibly witty "22 Reasons to Return to the Store" or his self-proclaimed "revenge poems" aimed at humorously getting back at people who made his life difficult.

All in all, Alan Michael Parker wasn't exactly your typical poet. He was candid and smart and was really interested in what students

had to say. He had the audience laughing with his witty answers to questions and his hilarious poetry. He also left many further questioning his poetry and life as a whole with all its mysteries. Parker showed that even poets can't answer the questions of the universe, but instead poetry creates even more questions for both the poet and reader.

In the end, Parker really focused on his work as art rather than a piece of writing. He talked about his poetry as such: "Once I get something on the page, I can play with it and push the colors around the page." It's almost as if he regards himself, the poet, as artist rather than author. As he ended his discussion with, "I think art saves the world", something Parker seems to do with each and every one of his poems.

Question of the week:

Here's a weird question: What's your favorite part of finals week?



"Spending a massive amount of time with my friends, even if it is doing work in the library!" - Amy DeNitto, '12



"IT MEANS THAT CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE!" - Kelly Frazee, '11



"Forts in the library!" - Jaclyn Sobel, '11



"Only one more week!" - Daniel Wayne, '11

"It means that my birthday is less than a week away!" - Courtney Brown, '11

Inside Informal Dance Concert

COURTESY OF KELSEY HUTCHINSON
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

Come see the 2010 Fall Informal Dance Concert to support your fellow students in a showcase of their choreographic talents! 20 student choreographers ranging from sophomores to seniors present their original choreography, many for the first time. The two sections of the freshman Dance Technique & Performance course will also present works that they put together in their labs with input from dance faculty. The performances will be held in the Dance Studio Theatre in the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance across from the Blackbox, and admission is free for students.

Information about some of the specific, student-produced pieces is as follows:

Kelsey Hutchison is a sophomore and has choreographed a piece is a response to domestic violence and exploitation against women, titled "Every 9 Seconds..." because every nine seconds a woman is beaten or abused in the United States. "I have a small cast of three beautiful dancers and my piece is lyrical-contemporary with gestural phrases. Because of the topic, the piece is very emotional, both for the dancers to perform, and for the audience to watch." This is her first time choreographing for the Informal Concert.

Jackie Walsh is a junior and this is her second time choreographing for the informal concert. Her piece is titled "The only way out is through." and is about the seven stages of grief which is represented beautifully through her movement vocabulary and is represented by her cast of seven dancers.

Meredith Stapleton is a sophomore and this is her second time choreographing for the informal concert. Her piece is unique because it experiments with using pointe shoes in unconventional ways and her movement vocabulary is a mix between ballet and modern. The piece is titled "Remember Our Window" and is a juxtaposition

between a sorrowful soloist and two duets, to a version of "Clair de Lune" by Steven Sharp Neslon.

Marissa Bottino is a sophomore presenting her choreography for the first time. Her work is titled "Duty of Distance". Working with a small cast of two dancers, her piece is about long distance relationships where the soldier has been called to serve and the dancers are both left remembering the times they had together before he was called to serve. The dancers each realize that her call of service is one of the duty of distance. Her choreography is a mixture of modern, ballet, and contemporary movement yet also utilizes military vocabulary such as about-face and army crawls.

Nina Moshman is a sophomore who's piece is titled "A Perfect Day to Break Away". She is excited to present her choreography for the first time. It is a jazz piece that also utilizes step dance. Her work uses chairs to represent the hum drum and monotony of working in an office. Yet over the span of the piece, the dances each break out one by one until dancers are jumping off chairs and utilizing them in unconventional ways.

After last night's first show, the final shows will be today, Thurs., Dec. 9 starting at 6:30 p.m. The second show will begin at 8 p.m., and the third at 9:30 p.m. The 6:30 show will include works by Jill Casella '13, Krista Chapman '12, Meredith Stapleton '13, Candace Eaton '12, Morgan Markowski '12, and Casey Gill '11. The 8 p.m. show will include works by Renee Hopkins '12, Nina Moshman '13, Marissa Bottino '13, Taylor Kalinisan '11, Kelsey Hutchison '13, Kadeem Alston-Roman '12, Hayley Talaber '11, and Christine Marty '12. The final, 9:30 p.m. show will include works by Emily Ancona '13, Andrew Clark '12, Nina Pongratz '13, Angie Kolpon '13, Alex Tockstein '13, and Jackie Walsh '12.

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- 2) Career Center walk-in hours from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Career Center in the Trexler library
- 3) Writing Center drop-in hours from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Writing Center in the Trexler library

Fri. Dec. 10

- 1) 4 x 4 - A Printeresting Curatorial Project in the Martin Art Gallery from noon - 8 p.m.
- 2) Career Center walk-in hours from 10:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Career Center in the Trexler library
- 3) Challan for Hunger sale from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Parents Plaza
- 4) Hillel Shabbat dinner from 6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Event Space

Sat. Dec. 11

- 1) 4 x 4 - A Printeresting Curatorial Project in the Martin Art Gallery from noon - 8 p.m.
- 2) Wrestling from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall in the Life Sports Center
- 3) Candlelight Carols from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Egner Memorial Chapel

Sun. Dec. 12

- 1) Trexler library "CRIBS" event all day in the Trexler library
- 2) All campus worship service from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Egner Memorial Chapel
- 3) Writing Center drop-in hours from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. in the Writing Center in the Trexler library
- 4) Candlelight Carols from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Egner Memorial Chapel

A newish kind of Jewish

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

A night ago, I found my eyes glued to the computer screen. No, I wasn't watching a really good movie, or typing a ten page essay. Instead, I had stumbled upon a documentary that would tell me things about myself, I never knew about. Recently, a documentary filmed by a Parisian director called "Next Year in Bombay," was released in other countries. Unfortunately, I was only able to view small clips of the documentary as it is not currently released in the United States. "Next Year in Bombay," is a documentary about the small community Jews, called the Bene Israel who has lived in India for centuries. To many people's surprise, there are three different types of Indian Jews, coming from different regions of the world. Being a Bene Israel, I found this particular documentary very enlightening. Indian Jew myself, I was excited to learn about my history and culture.

In the documentary, a couple is filmed leading their everyday lives. The man, a rabbi attempts to keep the Bene Israel united in India, by teaching Judaism and encouraging those to get involved. He fears that with the decreasing population of the Bene Israel, synagogues are being abandoned and shut down in India. He and his wife strive to keep their culture alive. The documentary also follows the life of an elderly man, who prays everyday and strives to learn more about his history. He stresses the importance of bringing a sense of community among the Bene Israel community.

For as long as I can remember, I have always been asked about my ethnicity and religion. How am I Jewish if I am Indian? While at times, being constantly second guessed about my religion and bombarded with questions can be tiring, I

know that I am educating people every single day. According to historians, 2000 years ago a group of Jews exiled from the Galilee region were shipwrecked and landed in Maharashtra, a region in India. Being Jews in a non Jewish land, they assimilated with the natives living there while keeping their Jewish customs. As Indian Jewish families began to increase in population, they began to become accustomed with Indian life. It wasn't until after Britain left India that the Bene Israel began to migrate to Israel. Even though many of the Indian Jews were not discriminated against in India, many found the opportunity to go to Israel, the Jewish homeland, important. My mother's family for example, decided to immigrate to Israel in 1968. With the sudden influx of Indian Jews to Israel, the population of the Bene Israel in India decreased to about 5000.

Today, Indian Jews continue to embrace their Indian culture as well as their religious faith.

Being Indian and Jewish is an interesting combination. While my family speaks Marathi, An Indian language based in the Maharashtra region, they also speak Hebrew. Being Jewish is an important part of my life and I try to embrace it as much as I can. At times it can be difficult, since there are not many Indian Jews in the world. Having the majority of my family in Israel, gives me a deep connection to it.

Even though I am unable to watch the documentary in its entirety, just knowing that there is information about my ancestors is insightful. I feel as if I am learning more about myself as I learn about my people. I encourage everyone, no matter what ethnicity or background you come from, to learn more about your family's history. Because in the end, where you come from influence what you become.

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AMC Weekend Listings



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Fri. 2:45, 6:50, 9:50
Sat. 2:45, 6:50, 9:50
Sun. 11:15, 2:45, 6:50

Love and Other Drugs

Fri. 1:50, 7:40
Sat. 1:50, 7:40
Sun. 1:50, 7:40

Tangled

Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00

Chronicles of Narnia

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:20

The Tourist

Fri. 5:00, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:00, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 8:00

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Fri. 4:45, 10:10
Sat. 4:45, 10:10
Sun. 11:30, 4:45

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Vince Young and his wasted career

BY JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

Tennessee Titans Quarterback Vince Young has been placed on season ending injured reserve with a right thumb injury. Despite the injury, head coach Jeff Fisher said he would not have started on Sunday anyway.

Young, who got injured a couple weeks ago against Washington, tried to re-enter the game in the second half, but Fisher would not allow it. Young then had a tantrum.

According to reports, he threw his pads and jersey into the stands. Young also left during Fisher's post game speech. When confronted by Fisher, and told not to walk out on his teammates, Young said something to the effect of "I'm not quitting on my teammates, I'm quitting on you."

Vince Young used to be great, in college. Perhaps the best college quarterback in recent memory. His performance in the Rose Bowl, to win the National Championship was legendary. He won the Rookie of the Year and led the Titans to a playoff berth in 07.

But, instead of working harder to regain his spot, Young disappeared. There were rumors of bouts depression last year. No one knows how true these rumors are, but the fact that they are out there speak volumes.

Young has tremendous talent. His ability to run and pass makes him a dangerous threat. He's won big at the college level, and showed he can win the professional level as well.

It's hard to know when, or if, Young will get a starting job. Certainly, it will not be in Tennessee. But some team will look at his talent and take a chance. Teams are always looking for a franchise quarterback, and Young certainly has the potential to be one.

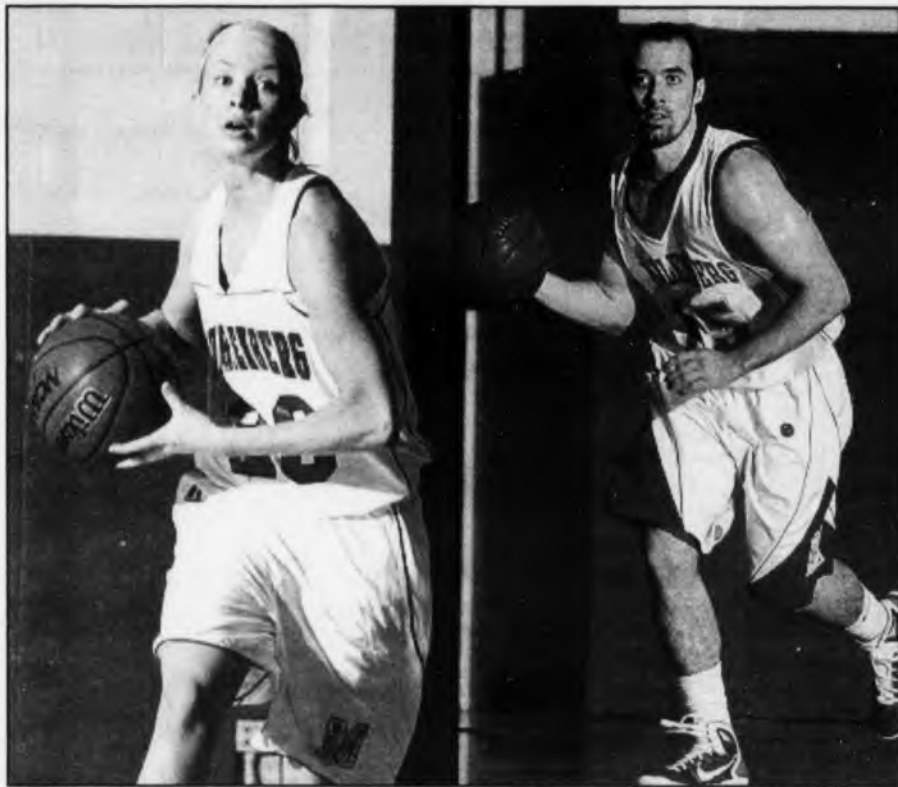
Still, Young seems to still be riding high off his collegiate success. But collegiate success is no precursor to success at the professional level. He has to realize that he's no longer in college, that defenses are better, that he needs to be more accurate as a passer, and smarter as a quarterback in order to be successful. He has not come to this realization yet. Young needs a wake up call. Perhaps this will be it.

Someone, anyone, has to tell Young that he needs to work hard. He needs to learn how to be a better quarterback and how to be a better person. He needs to get better. Some team will give him the chance. And when they do, he needs to work harder, learn, and get better. He can reach his ability.

He has the potential to reach the level of greatness he achieved in college.

Perhaps a change of scenery is needed. Perhaps he needs to go to a new team. Who knows?

What is clear is that Young's chance to be a successful, winning quarterback in this league is fading away, and the chances of it happening are becoming less with each day. There is time for Young. He's only 27. But, he has to make a change soon. Otherwise, a once potentially great career will now be wasted. And for all us fans, who were electrified by the Young of college, will be worse off for it.



Above: Senior Guard Alexandra Berlin (left) and Senior Guard Dave Gwyn (right) were named to the Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball "Unsung Hero" Team, made up of all unsung heroes.

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were able to get off a last second shot, but it fell short as the Mules got the win. Kevin Hargrove for the game scored a career high 12 points and also added 9 rebounds and 4 blocked shots, as he was a clear defensive force in the paint. Hargrove on the differences from the first half to the second stated, "We had an excellent first half defensively, but in this league one half isn't good enough and luckily we were able to learn that lesson as we got away with a win instead of a loss." This was the best game of Hargrove's early college career, and he is making his presence known throughout the conference, as he is the leader in blocked shots with 15 while averaging 2.14 per game.

The final game of a jam-packed week for the Mules was the first away game of the season against another Centennial Conference rival in Washington College on Dec. 4th. The Mules have only won in Chestertown, Maryland four times since Washington joined the Centennial

Conference in 1992. The game was a back and forth battle as the Shoremen and the Mules traded clutch basket after clutch basket and it was another game that went down to the wire.

Unfortunately, the 'Berg was not able to get the result they had wanted as they were defeated by one point 77-76. Curry scored a career high 26 points and Liddic also scored 24 points to lead Muhlenberg, but it was not enough in this game.

The Mules are currently 5-2 overall and 1-2 in the Centennial Conference as they sit right in the middle of the pack. The next game is scheduled for Dec. 8th at Dickinson College, which will be another tough and exciting game.

This will be the last game until January as the Mules will play in the Greyhound Starters Classic hosted by Moravian. The next game scheduled at Memorial Hall is scheduled for Jan. 8th against McDaniel. The Mules will use the upcoming stretch of games to climb up the standings and continue to develop as a power in the Centennial Conference.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES: NOVEMBER 30TH - DECEMBER 7TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (6-0, 3-0)

Dec. 2nd
vs Swarthmore, W 86-67

Dec. 4th
@ Washington College, W 68-47

MEN'S BASKETBALL (5-2, 1-2)

Dec. 1st
vs Swarthmore, W 59-58

Dec. 4th
@ Washington College, L 76-77



Senior Guard Evan Tozer has been a key starter for the Mules during the first half of the season.

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Profile of tiny Tim Brown

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

On a field full of giants, Tim Brown stands out for being anything but a towering figure. The 5-foot-8 165-pound wide receiver out of Rutgers is one of the smallest players in the NFL.

In an age where scouts and coaches are constantly looking for tall, physical players like 6-foot-4 230-pound Brandon Marshall and 6-foot-3 224-pound Terrell Owens, Brown looks to successful wide receivers like perennial Pro Bowlers Wes Welker and Steve Smith, both only 5-foot-9 and 185 pounds, for inspiration.

"Ever since I've been watching NFL games I've looked at those small guys," Brown said. "I work out with Santana Moss, Sinorice Moss, and Roscoe Parrish. I work out with those guys so when I see those guys working and working with me I feel like I can do it, too. Those guys are all out there doing it and we're working out together and we do the same things. I mean, why not? I feel like I can do it too."

Despite an impressive senior season for the Scarlet Knights, Brown was not chosen in the 2010 NFL Draft. He signed with the Giants as an undrafted free agent hoping to get an opportunity to make the roster but he was one of the last cuts before the regular

season started. He was later added onto the Arizona Cardinals practice squad but was cut a few weeks later.

"Not getting drafted does put a chip on your shoulder," Brown said. "It should put a chip on anyone's shoulder who didn't get drafted. I just go out there and play hard. Everything happens for a reason."

Fans may not be able to see Brown as he runs in motion behind 6-foot-5 300-pound linemen, but his play certainly caught the eye of head coach Tom Coughlin back when he was with the Giants.

"He was quick off the ball and he made some nice catches," Coughlin said of Brown's performance during April's rookie mini-camp. "He adjusted well and went low and picked the ball out of the air. He was able to maneuver his body past the defenders when he was headed out on a deep route. He knows what he's doing out there and he has some nice speed."

Brown's small stature is not the only thing that separates him from huge wide outs like Brandon Marshall and Terrell Owens. He is a team player who will do whatever it takes to help his team win.

"I've been playing football since I was seven years old," said Brown. "I just go out there and do my thing. Just be the best that I can be. Once I have that mindset of just going out there to be the best I can be and do

whatever I can to help my team win then I'm fine with that."

At Rutgers, Brown showed that he could come through in the clutch when he raced to an 81-yard touchdown with a half-minute remaining against the University of Connecticut last October.

This came just days after the funeral of Jasper Howard, the junior UConn cornerback and Brown's best friend, who was stabbed to death two weeks earlier at a campus dance.

"I have to say that UConn catch for my best friend was my best moment," said Brown, who grew up with Howard in Miami. "Everyone talks about that play and every time I think about it, it makes me feel like, 'Wow I really did it.' That UConn catch, 81 yards with 33 seconds left. That was the highlight of my career right there."

Right now Tim Brown is still trying to catch on with an NFL team, hoping to get an opportunity to show that he can be a successful wide receiver despite his small size. What he lacks in height he makes up in heart.

"I'm taking it one day at a time. I feel it coming along. I just need to keep working hard and keep doing the things that I'm doing."

SPORTS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 9TH - JANUARY 27TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

DECEMBER

18th @ Montclair State, 3:00

JANUARY

5th @ Dickinson, 7:00

8th vs McDaniel, 2:00

10th @ DeSales, 7:00

13th vs Franklin & Marshall, 6:00

15th @ Gettysburg, 2:00

17th @ Johns Hopkins University, 6:00

19th @ Ursinus, 6:00

22nd, vs Washington College, 2:00

26th @ Haverford, 6:00

MEN'S BASKETBALL

JANUARY

Greyhound Starters Classic @ Moravian
2nd, vs Manhattanville, 7:30

3rd, Consolation 5:30

Championship 7:30

5th @ DeSales, 7:00

8th vs McDaniel, 4:00

11th @ Johns Hopkins University, 7:00

13th vs Franklin & Marshall 8:00

15th @ Gettysburg, 4:00

19th @ Ursinus, 8:00

22nd vs Washington College, 4:00

26th @ Haverford, 8:00

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

JANUARY

14th Golden Bear Invitational @ Kutztown

22nd Lehigh Covert Classic

WRESTLING

DECEMBER

11th York/Delaware Valley/Wilkes, 10:00

JANUARY

12th Oneonta State, 7:30

15th Invitational @ Ursinus TBA

19th @ King's, 7:00

22nd vs JHU/Gettysburg @ Ursinus, 11:00

26th vs Scranton

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Pirates cannot afford the best players, and have to put together a team with what they have. Particularly with the Pirates, the results have been disastrous.

It will prevent fire sales, like what the Marlins have done after their World Series wins. They win a title, then sell all their good players for practically nothing, to save money.

If anything, it provides a better product for fans. Fans of the Marlins and Pirates can expect the same sort of quality as fans of the Yankees and Phillies do on a nightly basis. Stadiums will no longer be empty. For the league, it will actually improve business.

There is rarely parity in baseball. The same few teams compete for the playoffs. The same few teams, usually win. Occasionally, a team like the Giants will win, and that is great for baseball. Fans often root for those underdogs. But now, every team is an underdog. Every team is starting from the same point. Every team has the same advantage. Baseball then becomes a game of strategy again, and not one of dollars.

It's more than clear. A salary cap in baseball needs to be implemented. The sooner the better.

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Women's Basketball win two more; remain perfect

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

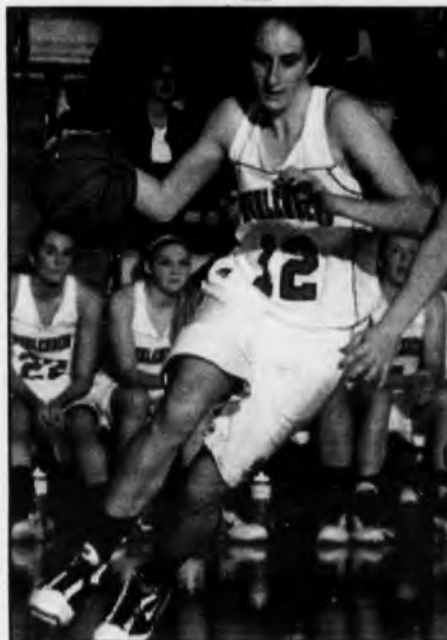
As of late, the Mules (6-0, 3-0) have dominated, averaging a 20-point victory margin in their last two games. This perfect start has earned the Mules the honor of being ranked 18th in the nation in a poll by D3hoops.com; last year, the Mules ranked as high as 11th.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, the Mules faced the Swarthmore Garnet (4-2, 2-1) at home. Muhlenberg fell behind early, and trailed for the first five minutes, before they were able to tie it up. Then, the Mules went on a 12-2 run (6 of the Mules' points were off two Junior Guard Alex Chili 3-pointers). However, Swarthmore started to chip away at the Muhlenberg lead. The Mules turned the ball over and missed crucial shots, and the Garnet tied the score before halftime.

The second half was characterized by absolute domination by Muhlenberg, who shot 59% from the field. Chili started the half with a three pointer. Then, she hit a layup on the ensuing possession. On the other end of the floor, she blocked a Garnet three point attempt, then dished the ball to Sophomore Forward Alita Zabrecky whom laid it in. Back on the defensive end, Junior Center Kathleen Naddaff blocked a layup attempt.

Muhlenberg didn't allow Swarthmore to have any glimmer of hope. Down the stretch, the Mules were unrelenting, actually outscoring the Garnet by 8 points in the last 5 minutes.

Zabrecky contributed with 18 points, 7 rebounds, and 5



Junior Guard Alex Chili been a dominating presence for the Lady Mules through the early parts of the season.

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assists. And, Chili led the Mules with 30 points, 5 assists, 2 blocks, and 2 steals. Eighteen of Chili's points came from behind the arc. Those 6 three-pointers brought her career total to 191 – the most ever by a Muhlenberg women's basketball player and the fifth most by a women's basketball player in Centennial Conference history. After her next game against Washington College, she moved into fourth place all time for points scored in Muhlenberg history, with 1084. Next on the list is Anne Searles '88, who had 1487 points in her career.

The Mules had another outstanding second half performance in their next game against the Washington College Shorewomen (3-4, 1-2).

Although the Mules were in charge for most of the first half, a late surge by the Shorewomen put the Mules down by 2 points at the half. However, the second half was all Muhlenberg. The Mules got off to a hot start, never abandoning the lead. The defense stepped up, keeping the Shorewomen out of it for 8 minutes. Then, the Mules went on a run. Again, the Mules built on their lead at the end of the game rather than coasting. They won 68-47. The Mules' top scorer was Zabrecky with 18 points and 4 steals. Chili contributed with 14 points. And, Senior Center Sheila Cook came off the bench with 12 points (a season high for Cook who's returning from an injury).

The Mules' next game is Sat., Dec. 9 at Montclair State (3-3, 1-1).

Mules rebound from loss to grab a couple of wins

BY MIKE HUNTLY
SPORTS WRITER

In the past week, the Muhlenberg men's basketball team played three games against three difficult opponents. Muhlenberg came out on top for two of the games as they improved their overall record to 5-2.

On Mon., Nov. 29, fresh from coming off Thanksgiving break, the Mules got back to their winning ways by defeating the Monarchs from Kings College at Memorial Hall. Before the break, the Mules lost their first game of the season to Gettysburg College, but the Mules were thankful to get a win against a tough team. Muhlenberg only had a one point lead at half time, but as time went on in the second half, they were able to expand their lead and finally put away the Monarchs. As usual this season, the team was lead in scoring by Junior Forward Spencer Liddic, and by Freshman Guard Austin Curry. The two netted 24, and 17 respectively, and these two were by far the highest scorers for the entire game. Liddic also added ten rebounds for another double-double. This game was a quick pause in the Centennial Conference schedule for the Mules, as they faced the Swarthmore College Garnet.

Any Centennial Conference game is difficult, and when the Mules hosted Swarthmore College on Dec. 1 at Memorial Hall, this was the case. 'Berg jumped out to a first half lead of 32-19, and it looked as if Swarthmore had no answer to Muhlenberg's weapons of Liddic, Curry, Junior Guard Justin Greenstone, and Freshman Center Kevin Hargrove, all contributing to the first half lead.

As the game continued in the second half, Swarthmore began to gain confidence and started to cut into the lead that Muhlenberg had built throughout the contest. The Garnet went on an 11-0 run to cut the Mule lead in to single digits for the first time since the first half, but key baskets by Muhlenberg and key defensive stops by Hargrove and Senior Guard Evan Tozer quickly contained Swarthmore and their run. The Mules were able to hold off Swarthmore's push in the second half, as Curry was able to make a clutch off balance shot with only 11 seconds left in the game. The Garnet

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Jayson Werth and the need for a salary cap in baseball

BY JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

On Sunday evening, the Washington Nationals made an announcement that they hope will change the course of their franchise for the better. They had signed outfielder Jayson Werth to a seven year contract worth \$126 million. Yes, you read that right. \$126 million. I will let that number settle in for a bit. Take your time. Don't worry. I'll wait.

To say Werth isn't deserving of \$126 million is wrong. He had a tremendous year in 2010, batting .296 with 27 home runs, and 85 runs batted in. Werth, an all-star in 2009, has been an invaluable member of the Philadelphia Phillies, a team that has been in the World Series two of the last three years.

Despite his accomplishments, giving the 31 year old Werth 7 years is ridiculous. For one, it's impossible to predict how healthy, or how unhealthy, Werth will be over the duration of the contract. Plus, will Werth be as good in a lineup that doesn't feature Chase Utley and Ryan Howard?

Plus, the \$126 million is an absurd amount of money, for anybody. If Werth lives up to the expectations, then it is money well spent. But if not, he is an albatross for an already downtrodden franchise.

Mets GM Sandy Alderson, whose team is no stranger to giving out misguided large contracts, said of the deal: "Makes some of our contracts look pretty good. It's a long time and a lot of money."

The Werth deal, if it was not already evident, is good enough reason for Major League Baseball to implement a salary cap. For one, it minimizes the risk of the team. The Nationals don't have to worry if a deal like Werth's does not pan out, because the financial output will not have been too much.

Secondly, and perhaps most importantly, it evens the playing field. For too long, big market teams like the Yankees and Red Sox have a huge economic advantage over small market teams like the A's and Pirates. The Yankees and Red Sox can consistently afford the best players, and thus, can consistently put out the best teams. The A's and

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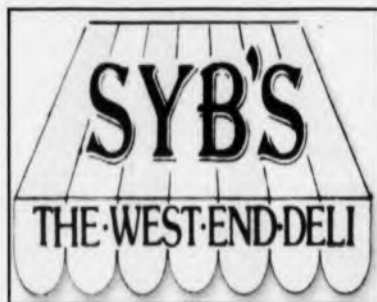
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Students celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
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As students returned to campus for another semester, the College did more than just welcome back students, faculty, and alumni, it hosted a reunion. The Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Celebration, entitled "The Reunion," was held last Thurs., Jan 20 in Empie Theatre.

The celebration included speakers, performances, and a reception. It welcomed all members of the College community to come together as a family and reflect on, as BSA co-president Kelly Kirkley explained it, "how far we've come, and how far we still need to go."

"We wanted it to be a family reunion theme - calling everyone to come together. The older generation informing the younger, much like the structure of a family," explained Kirkley.

President Helm, who was a sophomore in college when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at the young age of 39, recalled in his speech how such a tragedy really "made you think about what you stood for." Helm has made strides towards increasing diversity here at Muhlenberg, and expressed that we should celebrate each small stride towards improving interactions with diversity, just as African Americans in this country have done for years. "You don't wait until the team has won the game to cheer," Helm analogized, "they need your support along the way."

The keynote speaker was General Julius Becton, who graduated from Muhlenberg in 1949 as the College's first African American student. Becton, who Helm called a perfect example of leadership and service, has led an illustrious career since his time spent here at the College. He is a retired Army Lieutenant General who served in both the Korean War and the Vietnam War, a former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the current superintendent of the public school system of Washington, D.C.

With an energy well below his 84 years, Becton reflected on his time at Muhlenberg and explained to the crowd the "points of true professionalism" that he has lived his life by. "It feels



General Becton stands with Dean Green and President Helm

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA

pretty good to be back on campus," he began, "I almost didn't recognize what you have now." When Becton attended the College 63 years ago, it was an all male and previously all-white institution. Although his time here, he admitted, wasn't always easy, he found support in the numerous other veterans who were enrolled here at the College.

It was clear that General Becton was, during his college years, and is still today a true representation of the principles of professionalism that he values most. He highlighted the importance of honesty, innovation, preparation, caring for children, and integrity. Martin Luther King Jr. was also a man who possessed all of these qualities. "He went to jail, was beaten, and was defiled, but he

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'Berg Bookshop introduces textbook rentals

BY JOSEPH HARDENBERG
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As the 'Berg Bookshop continually strives

to be price competitive with the book seller competition, beginning this semester, it's offering textbook rentals. Over the past several years, renting books has become more of a viable, cost-effective alternate to outright purchase. Renting offers substantial savings of 50-70% over the cost of new and used books. Muhlenberg's store now joins the ranks of other local colleges that rent textbooks, including Moravian College, Community College, and Lehigh University.

To start its program, the 'Berg Bookshop selected a limited number of higher-cost, traditional textbooks, over the \$100 purchase price point to rent. Rentals are available on in-store

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titles during the spring and fall semesters. Books are provided new and can contain limited highlighting upon return to the store at the end of the semester. There is a rental agreement to complete that discloses the purchase replacement cost in the event the book is not returned.

Students can also make rental transactions on titles from the store's affiliate, BookRenter.com on its web site. BookRenter ships directly to a student's home or campus address and does not charge a return shipping fee.

Although there is no sell back value to rentals, the cost is considerably less than even used books that are sold back at 50% of the new price. The store is hopeful that the rental program will be well-received and intends to expand the program over time.

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'Berg Bucket List

...And we're back! Another semester is underway, and students across campus are talking about their hopes and goals for the next few months. Whether you are striving for a certain GPA or just want to strike up a conversation with a certain someone, now is the time to go for it.

In the spirit of taking on a new challenge, we put together our own Muhlenberg Bucket List of things to do on campus before you graduate. Feel free to steal a few, or make up your own, but either way it cannot hurt to make a list with your friends and hang it on a dorm room wall. Just a little reminder of your goals can be all you need to accomplish them, whether they're serious or simply some lighthearted fun.

1. Put on a play in Parent's Plaza. Collect tips.
2. Go to a game in each sport.
3. Go sledding down the library lawn hill.
4. Designate a spot on campus that you and your friends call your own.
5. Break the bubble and venture into downtown Allentown for dinner one night.
6. Go to the top of the Haas bell tower. Just make sure it's an approved trip!
7. Go on all-campus man hunt!
8. Have a spontaneous picnic on the front lawn.
9. Drive or get a ride in a golf cart.
10. Have a close encounter with a Muhlenberg squirrel.

Muhlenberg might be small, but don't let the size and everyday campus routine limit you! If you don't make a conscious effort to explore new things and step out of your comfort zone, your four years here are going to fly by. This is by no means an exhaustive list of 'Berg-themed life goals, but you can use these as a spring-board to come up with your own creative bucket lists. Anything goes, as long as it's legal, and there are endless possibilities of ways to get the most out of "the Muhlenberg experience."

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Abuse of rational choice theory



View from the Left

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Putting a piece of paper into a box seems to be an insignificant action unless that paper happens to be a ballot. By situating this action into the context of democratic elections, we have effectively created a social meaning that exists beyond the sum of its mechanical parts. Just as with the paper in the box, it is imperative to understand that the only way to grasp meaning of a behavior is by relating it to the whole discourse or world view from which it derives. This cyclical

relation between the parts and the whole is called the "hermeneutic circle" and has led to powerful understandings of the social world.

Human behavior, a topic that a great deal of us at the College choose to study, is at its core a complex interaction between the individuals or groups and their environment. Assuming that there is no disagreement insofar, I will further posit that the environment is a complex arrangement of social power. And as Jeffrey Isaac laconically states, "the concept of power is at the heart of political inquiry." Unfortunately, much of Western politics and international relations borrow from a "voluntarist" conception of power.

Essentially beginning with our favorite 17th century heretic Thomas Hobbes, voluntarists have conceived power as "the voluntary intentions and strategies of individuals who seek to promote their interests." From this limiting point of view, power is simply the "present means to some future apparent good." In order to acquire these utilities, all selfish individualists like Hobbes have to do is create some rules that control the behaviors of others. This can easily be achieved through economic coercion, disenfranchising policies and hegemony - all of which have essentially become staples of modernity.

Hobbes, living through the English Civil War, feared what many others in his social position feared: anarchy. Understanding that others could stand as obstacles in his maximizing of power, Hobbes wrote many alarmist pamphlets painting a grim outlook to the amassing possibility of social revolution. The basic sentiments of Hobbes have in some part remained as part of the paradigms of Western politics to this day, conflating "national interest" to the maximization of power, ultimately justifying amoral action as individual rational and ignoring the social rules that structure social interactions.

In the analysis of economic, political, and social behavior, "voluntarism" has reformed itself under different epithets such as rational choice theory and utilitarianism. In this day and age, it is as dangerous to speak negatively about rational choice theory as it was to be a Royalist in the English Civil War. This authoritarian control of knowledge has been nothing but debilitating for the social sciences in the way that it prevents essential socio-political questions from

seeing full heuristic procedures. Lacking the understanding of the cultural and structural origins of the individual's environment, human behavior cannot be adequately explained under this paradigm.

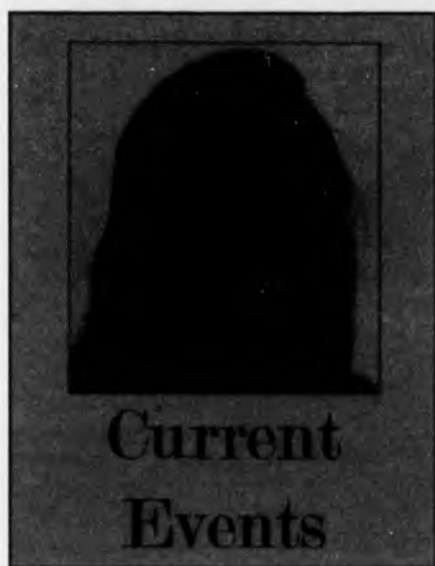
Thomas Hobbes and other individualists have come back as economists such as Gary Becker with his detrital "rotten kid theorem." Such theories, as political scientist Mary Hawkesworth explains, are "oblivious to forces that shape individual 'preferences' or 'determine' the will. [They are] oblivious

to institutional contexts that enable and constrain individual action. [They are] oblivious to structural forces that ensure that individuals are not equally unfettered subjects."

Furthermore, the predictive power of rational choice theories cannot juggle the countless different consciousnesses of intersecting racial, class-based, gender, ethnic, and queer identities. Such identities stem from shared meanings within specific communities and thusly must be taken into account

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The hidden & not-so-hidden 'Berg



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'Berg has a lot to offer. You all know about bagel bombs and the intimate atmosphere of the classes, but these are a few of the hidden treasures, right here in the 'Berg, community that you may not have heard of (and some things that you probably have):

THE W.C.

Oh, you know you love it, our very own Wood Commons. Sit there and relax for as long as you want to escape from the snow, play some card games, or study for a while. The W.C. should be a place to run to when the weather hits -1 and you don't have a car.

MAINGATE

Piling into cars, dialing taxi cabs, trekking through blizzard conditions: it's a Maingate night at 'Berg. What is all the hype about? Maingate is one of about two places students can actually drink

at 21 and have fun with under 21s without being hawked down by campus po'. If you are under 21 and it's not the first Thursday of the month, good luck. You are in for a walk in the cold, and.. not much else. Sorry, but face it you came to a school that is not much for night life. Maingate, dirty old Maingate, is all we've got.

SYB'S CAFÉ

This little piece of heaven is practically on Berg's campus, yet very few students have ever been there. But why!? This café has food that blows the W.C. out of the water. Make sure you get the egg and cheese on a bagel, it will make you want to frequent Syb's on a daily basis. Plus, the staff is exceptionally friendly and neighborly.

BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

This ski resort is only 15 minutes away, yet no one ever goes. It's not that expensive especially when there is a special going on. For example, hop on over there today for Wired 96.5's Snow Bunny annual Ski Trip 2011. And in addition to all of that, they have snow tubing which is inexpensive and a great time!

ALLENTOWN BREW WORKS

Right in our own Allentown, this restaurant not only has a delicious menu of food and beer, it has events almost every night of the week: Tickle Me Tuesdays Comedy show night, Sunday Night Salsa, Martini Club, Suds-N-Social happy hour, Word Wednesdays open mic nights, and more!

CROCK ROCK CAFÉ

Concerts, food, what else could you want. Yes, they have their fair share of unknown bands come through, how-

ever they host many well-known artists like Good Charlotte and Ryan Cabrera. Tickets are cheap and the venue is small so you can get up close and personal with the artists, but also that sweaty man next to you.

SANDS CASINO

If you're 21 and have some extra cash, this casino is the place to go. Brand new and now with tables, you can have fun, drink, and forget you live in Allentown for a while. The main floor looks like its straight out of A.C. Emeril Lagasse's restaurant serves up mouth watering, but expensive dishes; so, if you can't afford that, just grab some food in the expansive food court that includes everything from subway-like sandwiches to mix-your-own salads.

PIG PEN

The House of Wings, Sports Bar, Fun Zone, and Boulevard Lanes all housed at Pig Pen Sports Bar & Grill. Another club beside Maingate right in Allentown, who knew?! With a host of entertainment from Country Dancing Wednesdays to All you can eat NFL Sundays, Berg students should take advantage of this place while they can. On the weekends Boulevard Lanes is the site for karaoke, while one of the tri-state area's finest DJs takes center stage at the Bikini Bar.

ALLENTOWN FAIRGROUNDS

Home-cooked goods, fruit, wine, oh my! Open Thursday-Saturday, why

wouldn't you want to go every week? Fresh produce won't put a hole in your pocket, especially if you are on a limited meal-plan and need to fill the fridge. Many stands have potato salad just like grandma makes it, along with a smorgasbord of other deli-style foods.

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So what it's all the way in Bethlehem? Get a cab! Every weekend there are new events. Just for example, this Saturday DJ Synster is spinning the Sexy White Party with a raffle for two Coach wristlets. Drink specials are for the shallow pockets, and there even is an after party for those not finished at 2am. So instead of being kicked back to campus when the party just started, now there is a place to head to next.

ICE CREAM WORLD

One of Muhlenberg's greatest treasures... Open year-round, this place should be on your weekly must-go list. Every flavor imaginable, with every combination your taste buds can handle it's a place to binge after an exam or to chill out at on the weekend.

RELISH

Quite a hidden destination for such an amazing restaurant, but nonetheless worth the trip. This restaurant is home to gluten-free delicacies like pancakes and waffles, but also gluten-free hoagie rolls that encase chicken cheese steaks and turkey.

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as separate influences of social behavior. With this in mind, it is of no wonder why anti-drug policies have failed in certain communities and why the utilities for which we compete at home do not carry the same weight in communities abroad that we attempt to "win over."

One crucial area that rational choice theory has been problematically applied is criminal justice. Nearly all U.S. policies regarding our criminal system assume that criminals are rational maximizers of self-interest, just like you and me. Using this supposition, lawmakers have structured our criminal system almost entirely on deterrence (welfare programs are relatively new to our nation's criminal system). According to rational choice theory, each individual will weigh out the potential costs of committing the crime versus the state punishment; with enough threat of punishment, crimes should be deterred.

We have either gone soft on instituting threatening punishments or there is something that problematizes our nation's standing theory on criminal activity, since incarceration has risen almost exponentially in the past century. Furthermore, rational choice theory fails to adequately explain the relatively high incarceration rates for people of color, who are theoretically subject to the same deterring measures as the majority.

On the other hand, using hermeneutics and other forms of structural theory, the foggy around the dramatic increase in incarceration rates and the lack of racial parity can begin to be lifted, revealing the apparent power front between the creation of laws and the criminal acts which they precipitate.

Rather than focus on the individual as autonomous maximizing agent, domestic policies and international affairs should be concerned with the relationships between individuals, that is, their networks, linkages, interdependencies, and interactions on the systemic level. It is only here that a comprehensive understanding of social behavior can be found.

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Faculty Jazz Recital: Memorial for Charles Fambrough

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
NEWS WRITER

As most of the Muhlenberg community knows there was a faculty jazz recital scheduled for Jan. 25, 2011. Unfortunately, Charles Fambrough an adjunct professor for the past ten years, who was supposed to participate in the recital, passed away on Jan. 1, 2011. The faculty decided to make the recital in honor of Charles Fambrough. Mr. Fambrough was able to live on life support for eighteen days, which is longer than his doctors expected. Mr. Fambrough's wife, Dolores, says that Mr. Fambrough loved teaching at Muhlenberg and that is what kept him alive while on life support. Mr. Fambrough became a mentor for jazz music and life lessons. He first got his start working with Art Blakey, when Charles was a member of Blakey's Jazz Messenger. Blakey's lessons to Mr. Fambrough were known as "Blakey's University of Swing".

During Fambrough's career the trend was to use electric bass as a solo instrument. Although Fambrough took solos, he was never a flashy player and did not try to be in the foreground. It was his skill that gave him his presence. Throughout Mr. Fambrough's career he played bass with some of the biggest names in contemporary jazz, including McCoy Tyner, Wynton Marsalis, Grover Washington Jr. and Airto Moreira. He released six well regarded albums under his own name, the last in 2002, "Charles Fambrough Live @Zanzibar Blue" on the Random Chance label. Others include "The Proper Angle" and "The Charmer." Fambrough would give lessons in life as well as music. Mr. Fambrough loved to pass his knowledge onto others, whether it be mentoring, teaching, or giving advice on life

lessons. For example, Mr. Fambrough mentored bassist Christian McBride. Before McBride went on his first tour, "Charles was on the phone with him for two hours. He told him that there will be a lot of women grinning in your face, because they know you will be getting paid. They will ask you to buy dinner for them and their girlfriends. He said, 'Don't leave your money where you get paid.'" Another student who Mr. Fambrough mentored was Peter Fritz. Fritz is currently a Lehigh Valley bassist in many bands including the Subtle Experience and No Trial for Poachers. Fritz says, "He was funny, pleasant, well educated, and a very encouraging teacher," says Fritz. "He was more like a fellow player than a teacher, more like a mentor than the guy you

go to for a lesson. Playing out and involvement in the community was important to him. He would ask us what we wanted to play, what we thought was hip. He was very encouraging." Gary Rissmiller, a colleague of Mr. Fambrough at Muhlenberg organized the memorial concert for Mr. Fambrough. Rissmiller has only positive things to say about Mr. Fambrough's music and life. recalls his strong pulse, which centered every band he was in. They played



Performers included Gary Rissmiller, drums, Tom Kozic, guitar, Tony Gairo, saxophone, Bill Washer, guitar, Tony Marino, bass, Skip Wilkins, piano and Lou Czechowski, piano

PHOTO BY SAM LANGNER

together often, and not only jazz. Rissmiller comments about Mr. Fambrough. "his work was easy to listen to, even if it was difficult to play." Mr. Fambrough's recording and performing career would have surely continued and brought him greater recognition if he had not been weighed down with health problems. "He was a role model for his students and will be missed by many," as the event program stated.

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never lost his integrity," said Becton.

General Becton, who grew up in an era when Jim Crow was alive and well, has seen our country take significant strides towards acceptance of all races. "We have seen partial achievement of Dr. King's dreams, but I believe we still have a way to go."

The theme of a family reunion was reflected throughout the celebration in many ways, from the music and dancing to the speakers themselves. As director of Multicultural Life Robin Riley-Casey put it, "a family reunion really is about the work we have yet to do." She hopes to see bigger reunions in the future that will help the campus to truly come together as a family.

Many students and faculty members made a contribution to our College family through the MLK celebration. Student performances included a dance by G.O.D. God Ordained Dancers, a poem recited by Zaraya Wade '13, and a musical performance from the voices of Alex Beck '12, Victoria Socci '12, and alumni Eric Thompson. Jose Cooper and his band played a traditional drum circle that embodied the many rhythms of the African Diaspora, and concluded with the performance

of "Generation of a Living Legacy," which premiered in part as choreographed by Kadeem Alston-Roman, '12.

The dance, which will be expanded over the semester to include college faculty members, journeys from the beginning of dance with African inspired movements to modern moves derived from hip hop and even the electric slide. Kadeem, who volunteered to choreograph a performance for the MLK Jr. Celebration two years ago, was asked to contribute to this year's Reunion. "Dr. King's legacy is living in the light through the generations," reflected Kadeem, who was proud to be involved in honoring Martin Luther King Jr. The rest of the dance will premiere sometime in February, during Black History Month.

But it is the hope of Dean Green, who spoke at the conclusion of the event, that students and staff alike will continue to celebrate MLK's legacy throughout the entire year. As a campus, we have made strides to increase diversity. And we may still have a ways to go, but there is still plenty to celebrate. So as students and staff alike expressed last Thurs., the event wasn't an end, it was a beginning. Welcome to the reunion.



Jose Cooper and band perform a traditional african drum song

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Attendees honor students who helped organize the event

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Campus Safety Notes

Dec. 7 – Found Property – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of a found prescription. The item was placed in the lost and found locker and later picked up by Allentown Police Department. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Dec. 9 – Hit and Run – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a hit and run to a College vehicle. Allentown Police Department responded. The individual was identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Dec. 10 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to a shower curtain and the paper towel dispenser. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to repair the damage.

Dec. 10 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism. Explicit drawings were found on the wall. Housekeeping was notified and cleaned the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 11 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of found books, wall charger, and folders. The owner of the charger and one book claimed the items. The other items were placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the items belong.

Dec. 11 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student where alcohol was involved. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 11 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The student was spoken to and identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 11 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At the Keck House, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department responded to the scene. Allentown EMS transported a student to the hospital.

Dec. 12 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism. A student was

ripping out small bushes. The individual was identified and spoken to. Plant Operations was notified and retrieved the bushes. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 12 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Seegers Union, there was a report of found drug paraphernalia. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Dec. 15 – Hit and Run – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a hit and run. A Campus Safety officer responded. The officer found and spoke with both individuals. There was no further incident.

Dec. 15 – Sexual Assault – On campus, in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, the campus community should know that the Department of Campus Safety received a Jane Doe report on December 15 of an alleged sexual assault. The suspect is an unnamed student.

Dec. 16 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a found black case with several art supplies and drawings inside. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Dec. 17 – Suspicious Activity – In East Hall (C Block, third floor), there was a report of suspicious activity. Information was given. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 17 – Found Property – At 2228 Gordon St., there was a report of a found purse. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The bag was placed in the lost and found locker.

Dec. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation while performing room checks for the winter break. Several bottles of liquor were found in the refrigerator. The alcohol was photographed and disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 18 – Vandalism to Vehicle – By the soccer stadium, there was a report of a hit and run to a vehicle. There was damage to the left rear quarter panel

and rear bumper. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 18 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The violation was found while performing room checks for the winter break. Alcohol was photographed and disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 18 – Larceny/Theft – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found construction sign discovered while performing room checks for the winter break. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The sign was placed in the evidence locker.



Dec. 23 – Found Property – At 321 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a found bicycle. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Dec. 26 – Suspicious Activity – In Seegers Union, there was a report of suspicious individuals seen entering the building. Campus Safety officers identified the individuals and escorted them out of the building. There was no further incident.

Dec. 28 – Possession of Stolen Property – At 414 Albright St., there was a report of five found Muhlenberg College signs. All of the signs were returned to Plant Operations and Seegers Union. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 30 – Unauthorized People – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of individuals in College housing over break without permission. The individuals were identified and told to leave. A covered smoke detector was also noticed. Residents will be sent a Fire Safety Violation fine. Residential Services will be notified.

Dec. 31 – Location Check – On N. 23rd St., while checking

a property on N. 23rd St., an individual was found in the residence without permission. Residential Services was notified and spoke with the student. The student was told to depart the campus.

Dec. 31 – Location Check – On Gordon St., while performing building checks over the winter break, a Campus Safety officer noticed students exiting a property on Gordon St. The individuals were identified and spoken to. They were advised to leave campus. There was no further incident.

Dec. 31 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, first floor, while performing building checks for winter break, a Campus Safety officer found a door unlocked. Upon entering, several cans of alcohol were found in the room. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 1 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a student found urinating outside. The individual was found in possession of an unopened bottle of alcohol, which was disposed of at the scene. The student was identified and released. There was no further incident.

Jan. 1 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, first floor, while performing building checks for winter break, Campus Safety officers found four students in a room who did not have permission to be on campus. Alcohol was previously found on one of the individuals. Allentown Police Department responded and will be issuing Underage Drinking citations to the four students.

Jan. 1 – Unauthorized People – At 2411 Liberty St., there was a report of four students found in the residence without permission. Allentown Police Department responded as well. The students were identified and told to leave campus. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 2 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a female non-student seen urinating in a neighbor's yard. Allentown Police Department responded. The individual's friends picked her up and left the area. There was no further incident.

Jan. 3 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of several found items including watches, an iPod, and a necklace. It is unknown to whom the items belong or when they were turned in. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 3 – Unsecure Area – At 2147 Chew St., while performing property checks during winter break, a Campus Safety officer notified exterior doors unsecured and several unlocked rooms inside the residence. Plant Operations was notified and secured the exterior doors.

Jan. 4 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Off campus, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident.

Jan. 4 – Found Property – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a found drivers license. The owner was unable to be contacted. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 4 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Village upper parking lot, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident involving a College vehicle.

Jan. 7 – Institutional Vandalism – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of graffiti spray on the building. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 17 – Carpentry Problem – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a student locked in the bathroom due to a broken door lock. Campus Safety was able to let the student out. Plant Operations was notified to repair the lock.

Jan. 18 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an unauthorized use of a debit card. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Jan. 19 – Injured Employee – At 2309 Turner St. (Rehearsal House), there was a report of an injured employee. A Campus Safety officer transported the employee to the hospital.

Jan. 22 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – At 2214 Chew St., there was a report of found drug paraphernalia found while responding to the fire alarm call at the same location. Allentown Police Department also responded and took possession of the item. Referred to the Dean of Students.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Few of us write great novels; all of us live them."

-Mignon McLaughlin

Charles O. Anderson honored by *Diverse* magazine

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE! EDITOR

One of the college's most talented and beloved professors has been named one of the 12 "Emerging Scholars" for 2011 by *Diverse* magazine. Charles O. Anderson, an associate professor of dance and director of African American Studies at the College, is profiled in *Diverse* magazine's Jan. 6 edition.

This is a very prestigious honor as the magazine highlights only 12 scholars under the age of 40 from around the country who have made great contributions to the educational world through their educational background, teaching, research, and service.

For the reader's benefit, it is important to note that *Diverse*, once known as *Black Issues in Higher Education*, first published its "Emerging Scholars" edition in 2002. This edition's popularity has grown throughout the years since its conception. The magazine's editors select their honorees through a pool of candidates recommended by various scholars, department chairs, university public information officers, and others. It has been established that it is not an easy feat to land in the "Emerging Scholars" section, and the college is proud to highlight Anderson in this edition of the college's newspaper.

It comes as no surprise to Anderson's students, peers, family, and friends that he would become such a successful man after all of his accomplishments throughout his educational career. Anderson, a native of Richmond, Va., holds a B.A. in performance and choreography from Cornell University, along with M.F.A. with honors from Temple University.

While pursuing his educational career in dance he created his own dance company called Dance Theatre X. In an interview, Anderson has described Dance Theatre X to consist of "contemporary dance and theatre work that bears witness to human experience that draws movement and thematic inspiration from the African Diaspora. It synthesizes the spirituality and dynamism of African-derived movement and the candor and vulnerability of contemporary dance. The results are fierce, poetic, socially engaged kinetic testimonies." He has performed with Dance Theatre X both locally and internationally as well as receiving a Pew Fellowship in the Arts in 2007 for choreography. In 2008, he was named one of "25 to Watch" by Dance Magazine.

Along with performing with Dance Theatre X, he has performed in the company of such noted choreographers such as Ronald K. Brown, Sean Curran, Mark Dendy, Talley Beatty, and Miguel Gutierrez among others. Anderson's choreography has been funded by Dance Advance, The Community Education Center's New Edge Residency, the Susan Hess Choreographer's Project, and the Puffin Foundation. His work has been displayed throughout the last 10 years through such venues as Mulberry Street Theatre Dance Space at St. Mark's Church, the Philadelphia Fringe Festival, Danceboom! at the Wilma Theatre, WAX Performance Space and Here Arts Center, among others.

He is currently choreographing a dance/theater adaptation of English playwright William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" at the College with Troy Dwyer. The show will be presented from March 31-April 3 in the Empie Theater in the Center for the Arts.

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The College will showcase world premiere dance works created by seven of the region's most accomplished choreographers in the College's annual "Master Choreographers" dance concert, Feb. 10-12.

Featuring a diverse selection of styles and genres, ranging from classical ballet to jazz, tap, and modern dance, "Master Choreographers" also will showcase performances by more than 40 Muhlenberg dance students. The performance takes place on the Empie Theatre stage, in the college's Baker Center for the Arts.

"This concert is a spectacular evening of ballet, tap, jazz, and contemporary dance," said Karen Dearborn, the director

of dance for Muhlenberg's Department of Theatre & Dance and the artistic director for "Master Choreographers." "We are fortunate to be showcasing new works by internationally acclaimed guest artists and faculty", she said

This season's "Master Choreographers" concert will feature works by: Charles O. Anderson, artistic director of the Philadelphia-based dance theatre X; Corrie Franz Cowart, co-artistic director of Co-Art Dance; Heidi Cruz-Austin, alumna of the Pennsylvania Ballet; Nicholas Leichter, director of Nicholas Leichter Dance; Shelley Oliver, director of Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers; Trinette Singleton, protégé of ballet icon Robert Joffrey; and New York-based multidisciplinary performance artist Nicole Wolcott.



Ari Brandsdorfer '11, Meg Schiffer, Katie Epstein '11, and Ashley Sleeth '11.



Ashley Sleeth '11, Maggie Griffin '11, and Nicole Aboyoun '11.



Kelsey Griffith '11, Lynn Lisella '11, Katie Fierro '11, and Alex Ripkin '11.



Meredith Stapleton '13.



Danielle Laurion '11 and Sean Vanin '13.

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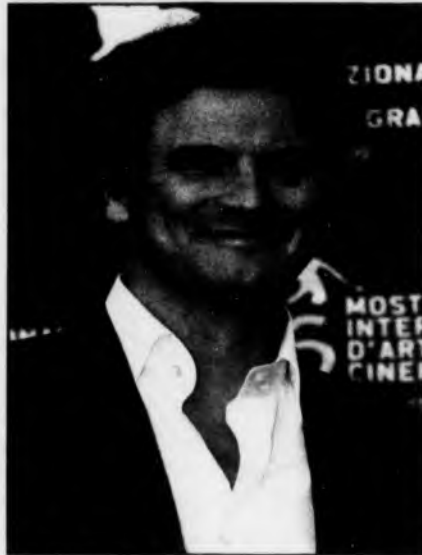
A King's Sp-Sp-Speech

BY RYAN MARLOW HABER
LIFE WRITER

King Albert
"Bertie" of
England

was born with a stammer and a speech impediment. As an audience, we know this. From a historical standpoint, we know him as the impeccable King George IV who gave empowering speeches with great diction and authority. However, this wasn't without great difficulty. As Geoffrey Rush shows us in an outstanding role as the King's not so professional speech therapist. His absurd techniques causes us to laugh but Colin Firth's struggle almost causes us to cry. We watch him stammer (and sometimes sing) through his troubles and we choke on his words with him as we yearn to help him finish his sentences.

Colin Firth provided a great performance as King George with Helena Bonham Carter as his extremely supportive wife, Elizabeth. This "period"



Colin Firth from *The King's Speech*.

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piece offers superb drama regarding the unity of a family and strength of the movie comes through to you.

a nation. The film reflects the importance of friendship while pulling us into a riveting and moving film about people brought together on a common ground of one person's issues. *The King's Speech* was also a film about overcoming one's own failure in their own way and in their own life. The film is a clash of new technology and old tradition, a fatal combination in some respects but one that pulls us in right from the beginning.

The supporting cast of this film deserves just as much praise and recognition as it's leading stars. Helena Bonham Carter delivered a wonderful performance, as did Guy Pearce as Bertie's older, more immature yet much more fashionable brother, Michael Gambon as King George V and I can't forget Timothy Spall who has a cameo in this film as Winston Churchill. *The King's Speech* doesn't suck you into the drama of the royal family but forces you to draw closer to it so the intelligence and

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- David Rosenblatt '11



"Go to the back of Robertson and go sledding."

- Genna Soslow '13



"Sledding since I haven't in four years."

- Ari Brandsdorfer '11

AMC Weekend Listings



Little Fockers

Fri. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00
Sat. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

No Strings Attached

Fri. 1:50, 4:40, 7:30
Sat. 1:50, 4:40, 7:30
Sun. 1:50, 4:40, 7:30

The Dilemma

Fri. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00
Sat. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00

The Green Hornet

Fri. 1:30, 4:20, 7:15
Sat. 1:30, 4:20, 7:15
Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:15

True Grit

Fri. 1:40, 4:45, 7:40
Sat. 1:40, 4:45, 7:40
Sun. 1:40, 4:45, 7:40

Yogi Bear

Fri. 2:15, 4:30, 6:50
Sat. 2:15, 4:30, 6:50
Sun. 2:15, 4:30, 6:50

What went wrong

By EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Have you ever played on a sports team, or any sort of team for that matter? Remember that one person who was just a joy to be around? Forget a team; have you ever know someone in your life who just had a smile that made everyone else that much happier? That type of person was Kenny McKinley. Kenny McKinley did not only have an infectious smile, but was a standout college football wide receiver from the University of South Carolina and was drafted by the Denver Broncos. McKinley's career hit a bit of a speed bump when he suffered a knee injury the second to last game of his rookie season, in which he played sparingly.

Unfortunately, McKinley's hopes to start anew in his second NFL season were dashed. McKinley suffered another knee injury and was placed on the injured reserve list before the season had started. A demoralizing start for South Carolina's all-time receiving leader was replaced with a moment of joy in early September when he returned to a South Carolina home game to hear the deafening cheers of fans who remembered his past greatness. Dealt some bad luck, this college football star could cherish those memories of his glory days and hope to make a comeback in the NFL. One member of the Denver Broncos organization said McKinley was "a great kid. Always friendly, with a smile on his face. He was fun-loving, and it was impossible not to like him. Impossible." Nine days after his reunion at South Carolina Kenny McKinley committed suicide.

Everyone missed it. There were a few subtle signs, disguised behind that illuminating smile, but no one could have ever anticipated something like this happening. With the rest of his football career in jeopardy and rumors of child support debt for his one-year old son, things were far from perfect for McKinley; however, no one thought suicide was the

answer for a football player in the NFL. How could someone who seemed that happy and had such a promising future want to end his own life? Granted he had some serious problems, but no one expects a professional athlete to feel suffocated enough to put a gun to his head and pull the trigger.

One of McKinley's close friends and teammates on the Denver Broncos said, "If you had to pick anybody out of the whole team to [take his own life] he would be the last person you'd expect to do what he did." McKinley's death was tragic, but unfortunately far from atypical. A prominent sports columnist for the Denver Post and a witty and amicable member of the ESPN television show "Around the Horn" wrote after the news of McKinley's suicide: "Why would a smart, personable, resolute, 'happy-go-lucky' Kenny McKinley — with a college education, a young son, a \$385,000 contract and a bright future in football and life — commit suicide Sept. 20, 2010? Why? I think I understand why. I know an older man who eight years ago this month was committed to committing suicide. Me."

This shocking revelation from Woody Paige brought to light a grave situation where Paige was planning on swimming out into the Pacific Ocean and drowning. At this time Paige was being medicated by half a dozen prescription pills and was in deep depression. The day before Paige was going to go out to "drown" a very close friend came to him and told him, "You've got to do something." The close friend called Paige's family doctor who got him admitted to a hospital. Here he was diagnosed with diabetes, which causes low levels of serotonin and depression.

Woody Paige's story had a happy ending, but that is not always the conclusion. In the case of Paige the signs of depression were a warning sign to him being possibly suicidal, but with Kenny McKinley it was much more subtle.

This incident serves as a fervent reminder of that

member of your team or your friend who wears that permanent smile and is always in a good mood could possibly be suicidal. Many people who commit suicide are suffering from depression or bipolar (manic depressive) disorder. 80% of people who commit suicide give some sign of their intentions. One day while hanging out with friends McKinley mentioned that he should just kill himself.

More years of life are lost to suicide than to any other single cause except cancer and heart disease. Suicide is also the eighth highest cause of death in the United States. The warning signs are never all going to be obvious, and most of the time there is nothing anyone can do to help the person; however, the next time a friend or a colleague is suffering from depression, expresses signs of hopelessness, or makes what may seem like an innocuous verbal suicide threat, take a second look at that person and do everything you reasonably can to help that person. This person could be the happiest person you know and that won't make the slightest difference to someone who feels like the best decision to make is the one to end their own life. Remembering what happened to Kenny McKinley is not only a testament that bad things can happen to professional athletes, but that bad things can happen to anyone.

When news of McKinley's suicide came out one Sports Illustrated writer, Benjamin Hotchman, received this e-mail: *Sent: Thu 9/23/2010 1:19 PM Subject: Your article about suicide helped me. I have been really contemplating suicide over the last month or two. Nothing has seemed to go right in my life. ... Slowly my self worth and confidence in myself crumbled beneath my feet, til I got to the point I wished I was dead. Then I read your article today and it floored me. It dawned on me -- if it can happen to somebody I look up to, who appears to have everything, then I'm just as vulnerable. I have felt alone and unable to talk. Thanks so much.*



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Last Month's Scores

MEN'S BASKETBALL(9-8, 5-5)

Dec. 8 @ Dickinson	L 56-67
Jan. 2 Greyhound Starter Classic (Moravian)	
Mules vs Manhattanville	L 55-58
Jan. 3 Greyhound Starter Classic (Morav.)	
Mules vs Wentworth Tech	L 50-54
Jan. 5 @ DeSales	L 54-62
Jan. 8 McDANIEL	W 80-66
Jan. 11 @ Johns Hopkins	W 68-62
Jan. 13 F&M	W 71-67
Jan. 15 @ Gettysburg	L 54-61
Jan. 19 @ Ursinus	L 66-67
Jan. 22 WASH. COLL.	W 82-60

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL(12-4, 8-3)

Dec. 18 @ Montclair St.	W 67-53
Jan. 5 @ Dickinson	L 60-03
Jan. 8 McDANIEL	W 74-66
Jan. 10 @ DeSales	L 57-60
Jan. 13 F&M	W 66-58
Jan. 15 @ Gettysburg	L 57-70
Jan. 17 @ Johns Hopkins	L 75-86
Jan. 19 @ Ursinus	W 61-59
Jan. 22 WASH. COLL.	W 87-55

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Jan. 14 Golden Bear Invit.	NTS
Jan. 22 Lehigh Multi & Invit.	NTS

WRESTLING

Dec. 11 WILKES	L 6-43
Jan. 12 ONEONTA STATE	L 3-40
Jan. 15 HC (Ursinus)	6th
Jan. 19 @ King's	L 7-40
Jan. 22 Gettysburg	L 12-42
Jan. 22 Johns Hopkins	L 9-43

FROM LADY MULES | PAGE 12

After the devastating loss against Ursinus, the Mules tried to regain their focus and swagger against a tough team in Washington College two days later at Memorial Hall. The first battle between these two teams was another down to the wire contest as the Shoremen defeated Muhlenberg 76-77. The Shoremen are lead by Junior Guard Kevin Breslin who is one of the best players in the Centennial Conference. This game had the possibility of being a battle between Breslin and Liddic who is the leading scorer in the conference with 21.5 points per game.

In the first half, the Mules jumped out to a sizeable lead 13 minutes into the game with a 23-10 lead. The first half lead was built by Liddic, Freshman Center Kevin Hargrove, Curry, and every other Mule that played. The score at the end of the first half was 35-24 with virtually all of the momentum in favor of Muhlenberg.

The Shoremen came out in the second half poised to make a run and cut into the lead that the Mules had built. The score got as close as eight points five minutes into the second half, but that was the smallest deficit that Washington faced for the remainder of the game. The lead was once as big as 24 points, but the final ended up being a 22-point victory over the Shoremen.

Liddic, who scored a career high 35 points was the leading scorer in the game once again led the Mules, and before the game he was honored for scoring his 1000th point earlier this month. Hargrove also had a double-double with ten points and eleven blocks and two more blocks to add to his conference lead in that category. Curry and Tozer rounded out the scoring with eleven and nine respectively. The Mules strong defense contained leading scorer Kevin Breslin to 13 points in 4-17 shooting, and he eventually fouled out late in the second half.

The Mules next face Haverford College on the Jan. 26 and then Johns Hopkins will come to Memorial Hall for a 4:00 game on Sat., Jan. 29. The Mules are currently 9-8 and 5-5 in the conference as the push for the playoffs has already begun.

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In the second half, they only increased their lead, eventually winning 87-55.

Chili led the Mules with 25 points, and 5 assists, with 4 rebounds. McKeon contributed with 10 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 steals. The Mules also had impressive outings from the bench, which was led by Sophomore Guard/Forward Alita Zabrecky with 10 points, 3 rebounds, and 3 assists in only 15 minutes.

The Mules next game will be an important one, at home against conference-best Johns Hopkins (14-3, 11-2).

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Cruiser can somehow make it to Hawaii).

I doubt Roger Goodell will go for any of these ideas, so lets just accept it for what it is and enjoy watching one of the last professional football games of the season. With a lockout possible next season, it's not clear how much football is in our forecast. While the snow and bitter temperatures continue to trap us indoors, we can still watch millionaire athletes bask in the beautiful sun in Hawaii as we dream of warmer days and watch exciting plays.

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IM Basketball is back!

So it's finally time for the most anticipated intramural sport to start up, it's basketball season! This upcoming season has a lot of buzz about it ever since last year's playoffs. Almost every A-League team has a new look and every single team seems to be a contender.

First, I'm going to go through my preseason awards. These are basically just my predictions for who we think will win and who we think will have big impacts on the league. The preseason MVP is Junior Cody Antonini. Antonini has been one of the top players in the league for a few years now and is already known as the top player in the league. We will be looking for him to once again prove it as he always does. The preseason defensive player of the year is Junior Jake Ramsey. Ramsey was actually a member of the Mules last year and known for his defense and strength. He will definitely be a huge factor in this league as he tries to lead the newly formed Coatesville Red Raiders to a playoff run. The rookie of the year will be Junior Alex Kahan. Kahan is

Jay Cutler: Not Soft

BY JEREMY FUCHS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

In Sunday's NFC Championship game against the Green Bay Packers, Bears quarterback Jay Cutler left the game in the third quarter, with an apparent knee injury. It is now known that Cutler sprained his MCL.

However, sportswriters, former plays and fans, took to Twitter and TV to bash Cutler for not gutting it out and finishing the game. Despite the criticism, if Cutler was as hurt as he says he was, then he wasn't soft, but being smart.

Arizona Cardinals Defensive Tackle Darnell Dockett said on Twitter, "If I'm on Chicago team jay cutler has to wait till me and the team shower get dressed and leave before he comes in the locker room!" [sic] A few years ago, San Diego Chargers Quarterback Philip Rivers played in the AFC Championship game with a similar injury. Derrick Brooks, former Tampa Bay Buccaneers Linebacker, said on Twitter, "hey there is no medicine for a guy with no guts and heart." [sic]

But, is Cutler gutless and heartless? A sprained MCL, according to WebMD, causes "tearing or ripping sensation along the inner joint line of the knee, [as well as] knee instability and swelling." Trying to play the quarterback position, which requires a lot of balancing, and flexing of the knee muscles, with those symptoms would be incredibly painful.

Imagine, for a second, running on a treadmill. Now, imagine running on a treadmill with a ripping sensation along your knee as you run. Not something you would willingly do.

Yet, because of the enormity of the game, Cutler is being vilified. Fans expect the most of their players, and for them to play hurt. But, playing hurt can cause even more damage. Standard treatment for a MCL sprain, according to ehow.com, is to rest the knee, ice the knee, compress it, and elevate the leg. The treatment is not to go back into a football game with Clay Matthew Jr., a 6'3", 255lb train running in to you. Cutler, despite not living up to the fans expectations, did the right thing.

Cutler, only 27 years old, has at least 10 years left in his career. While the NFC Championship game is undoubtedly important, for Cutler, is it more important to risk your career for a chance at a Super Bowl, or is it more important to keep that knee healthy for the next 10 years? For Cutler, it was the latter.

We expect the world out of our favorite team's athletes. We expect them to play when hurt or sick. While I try to keep a pretty regular workout regimen, if my knee is sore, I'm going to rest it for a day. Most people would. True, we don't all have millions of fans rooting for us (although, it would be nice). But, common sense, for us non-athletes, usually triumphs.

The pressure Cutler is under to go back in the game is something that most people probably never experience. If we write a Facebook status that says "Knee sore, not working out today," we are not going to get thousands of comments from friends saying "If you don't workout, we won't be friends!" That would be an insane comment. But sports are different.

I think Cutler did the right thing by not going in. If he felt he could not have played on it, then he made the right decision. If he wasn't going to be effective, why risk it? Caleb Hanie, who came on in relief, was terrific, throwing for 153 yards and a touchdown. Is third stringer Caleb Hanie a worse option than an injured Jay Cutler? Probably not.

I understand that Bears fans are angry. If you lose the Conference championship game, you are going to be upset, and are going to look to someone to pin the blame on. Cutler is the easiest person. But, taking the long view, Cutler did the right thing. If he truly couldn't play, then sitting out gave his team a better chance to win, and his career more longevity. Bears fans, in a few days, when all settles, may realize this. Until then, Cutler will be the most hated man in Chicago.

another former Mule who will be bringing his game over to the intramural scene. He has teamed up with the former champions and a few other new additions to try to make a run for the Katz Kup.

The comeback player of the year is a tie between Senior Tommy Reilly and Junior Scott Barton. Reilly missed last season because he was on hiatus but look for him to help Kon Tiki in a big way this year. He's been known for his "Good Runs" so hopefully he can get right back in the swing of things. Barton is also back and seems to be on a mission. This is the first we've seen of Barton since his legal trouble and it seems he was working out a lot in the penitentiary. Some other players to watch in the A-League this year are Junior Mark Mounayar and Sophomore Frank Malandrucolo. Both of these guys are new to the league and will be sure to provide some highlights throughout the year.

The arguably most important award, referee of the year, will be Kevin O'Hara. O'Hara has shown some great control over some key games the past two years and the IM Committee is hoping to see some of the same out of him.

The First Team All Intramurals consists of Seniors Spencer Joseph and Jon Liberty and Juniors Cody Antonini, Aaron Friedman, and Max Jablonski. The Second Team All Intramurals consists of Senior Matt Cecconi, Juniors Barry Cleckly, Jake Ramsey, and Chris Hartzell, and Sophomore Shane O'Connor. All of these players will be amongst the top in the league as this season pans out and expect everyone of them to have a shot at the MVP when it is all said and done.

My championship prediction is the game will be Kon Tiki vs. Coatesville Red Raiders with the Red Raiders pulling out the victory in a close one.



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An emotional roller coast for Men's Basketball

By MICHAEL BARKLEY
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This past week was an emotional roller coaster for the Men's Basketball Team. The team visited the campus of Ursinus College in Collegeville on Wed. Jan. 19 and then played host to the Shoremen of Washington College on Sat. Jan. 22nd at Memorial Hall. The Mules ended up going 1-1 in these two games, but the games themselves were incredibly different.

Heading into the game against Ursinus, the Mules played seven games during the month long winter break and went 3-4 throughout that time. The biggest win of the break and of the season so far was a 71-67 win over Centennial Conference powerhouse Franklin & Marshall College on Jan. 13. That win capped off a three game winning streak before losing the final game during the break against Gettysburg College. The Ursinus game became a pivotal game in the Centennial Conference, and it was one that would have hopefully started a string of wins for the Mules.

The first half at Ursinus did not according to plan, as the Mules fell behind by 13 points at the conclusion of the opening 20 minutes. At the start of the second half though, the Mules came out with a vengeance as Muhlenberg started on a 17 to 5 run to cut the deficit down to one point in only five minutes of game time. The charge was lead by Freshman Guard Austin Curry, Junior Forward Spencer Liddic, and Senior Guard Evan Tozer. The Mules had their first lead of the game off a basket from Liddic with 14:20 left in the game, but that turned out to be the only lead Muhlenberg experienced in this contest.

The game came down to the final play as Tozer collected an offensive rebound and nailed a clutch jumper with only one second left in regulation. The shot was first thought to be a game tying three-pointer, but the official closest to the play ruled the shot to be a two-pointer resulting in Ursinus defeating the Mules 67-66. It was one of the closest and most debatable calls of the current season, and the loss dropped Muhlenberg to 8-8 on the season and 4-5 in the conference.



Left: Senior Evan Tozer is a pivotal piece of the Mule's offensive game; Right: Senior Kelly McKeon takes control for the Lady Mules at the point guard position.

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The Lady Mules are back

By BEN LEVINE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This winter break, while most students were busy trying to survive "Snowpocalypse 2010", the women's basketball team (12-4, 8-3) was beginning the second half of the 2010-2011 season. The Mules were undefeated in the first half of the season, going 8-0, but they had trouble after winter break, going 2-4 in the first six games. However, in the past two games, the Mules have brought their 2011 record back to .500 with back to back wins at Ursinus (10-5, 7-4) and at home against Washington College (6-10, 4-7).

Last Wed., the Mules traveled to Ursinus to take on the Bears. The two teams went into the locker rooms at halftime tied, 29-29. Thirteen seconds into the second half, Senior Guard Alex Berlin hit a jumper putting the Mules up on the board. Then, on the other side of the floor, Berlin blocked a shot attempt by the Bears. Senior Guard Kelly McKeon gathered the rebound and dished it to Junior Guard Alex Chili who then hit a three-pointer. The Mules then led for the next 11 minutes. The teams traded baskets until the Bears had a three-point lead with 2:28 left to play. Then, Chili took over. She hit a jumper, but the Bears answered, putting their lead back at 3. However, Chili wasn't done, hitting a three-pointer to tie the game with a minute and change left. A Bear miss and Mule turnover and gave Chili the ball after she rebounded the errant shot. Chili took the open shot in the lane thanks to a crucial screen by Senior Forward Sheila Cook. The ball hit the rim but found its way in, giving the Mules the win in exciting fashion.

Chili led the team with 26 points, in addition to her 7 rebounds. Freshman Forward Kathleen Naddaf led the team with 11 rebounds.

Three days later, the Mules were at home, hosting the Washington Shorewomen. The Shorewomen began the day with a three, to which Freshman Forward Leann Lanza answered with a two. A Shorewoman hit a free throw, but Lanza answered with two foul shots, tying the game. Lanza, to complete her utter dominance of the first 2 minutes, then stole the ball and layed it in. The Mules didn't trail for the rest of the game. At the half, the Mules had a commanding lead of 39-26.

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The Pro Bowl is amateur

By BRIAN BAXTER
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

For years, many football fans have begged for the Pro Bowl to be put out of its misery. People have complained it is a waste of time, fake, and boring. Personally, I know it is flawed, but I won't ever complain about extra football being on television. Now that Commissioner Roger Goodell has moved the game from the week after the Super Bowl to the week before it, even more fans have commented on the futility of the game. Now, some of the best players in the league won't be able to play in the game because they have to prepare for the Super Bowl (not that they or anyone really cares though).

How can we fix this Pro Bowl problem? Should the league make the game meaningful, like the MLB All-Star game? There doesn't seem to be any way that that could work, especially with players participating

in the Super Bowl unable to play in the game. Would it be better if the game was moved to a week or two after the Super Bowl again? We could shake things up and have each player be moved to a different position? DeSean Jackson could try and play defensive end, Nick Mangold could be moved to punter, and Brett Favre could play quarterback. How about Rex Ryan at very wide receiver?

Maybe the game would improve if there were no refs? How cool would it be to see them play with no offsides, no pass interference, no out of bounds? It would be like the classic video game NFL Blitz (for N64 or Playstation) and who didn't like that game? We could have special guests, and each team could pick one retired player, or even a celebrity, to play on their team. I'd love to see Joe Buck get a chance to play. Kimbo Slice would be fun to watch or even Tiger Woods (we can finally determine whether golfers are

really great athletes).

I'm not sure exactly what should be done, but I do know that all the events leading up the Pro Bowl are a lot cooler than the actual game. The skills competition is great. Who doesn't love seeing quarterbacks hurl a football 70 yards in the long distance throw contest? The fastest player, the obstacle courses, the strongest man contest, and even the old-timers/celebrity flag football game are amusing.

But seriously, the Pro Bowl could be a lot cooler if things were changed. "Mike up" more players so we can hear more of the actual action on the field. Get rid of the lineman all together, and let the skill players play a 5 v. 5 game. Let Brian Schottenheimer call the offensive plays, let Trey Junkin do the snaps (may have to Google him) and give John Madden the right to diagram every play on screen (if the Madden

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Student Government report released

BY W.H. "BUTCH"

OXENDINE JR. & LEE KOLBE the College,

through Dean of Students Karen Green, contracted with a consultant to conduct a thorough examination of the Student Government Association to determine its status on campus with students, faculty and administration, its basis for power and responsibility, and its role in college governance. In an effort to improve the effectiveness of their services and representation of the student body, the organization agreed that an independent review would be extremely valuable.

The Consultant, W.H. "Butch" Oxendine, Jr., is Managing Partner of *The SG Consulting Group* (www.sgconsultant.com), founder and executive director the

American Student Government Association (ASGA), and founder and editor in chief of *Student Leader* magazine. He has specialized in teaching and training Student Governments nationwide for 27 years. In Mr Oxendine's words, "The priority of this consultation was to help the Student Government Association become a more effective, respected, and influential advocate for the students of Muhlenberg College. The Consultant contends that a vibrant "student governance" organization advocating student interests and needs must grow to become a priority at the highest levels of Muhlenberg, as such an organization will serve the institution in many tangible and positive ways."

In the fall semester, Mr. Oxendine conducted fifteen hours of on-campus interviews with President Randy Helm, Dean Green and other

members of the President's staff, College administrators and staff, members of the SGA and independent representatives of the student body. He also conducted twelve hours of telephone interviews, collecting more than one hundred pages of notes in the process. Through analysis of this data and study of the SGA's governing documents, the consultant was able to provide constructive criticism in a written report released early this week. This detailed document, eighty three pages long, offers an unbiased review of the College's SGA including its strengths and weaknesses, detailed observations and an action plan to address areas in which it can potentially improve. Mr. Oxendine provides tangible suggestions for improvement in all of the areas in which he is

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Senior Chill and SCCC Kickoff

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
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Last Thurs., Jan. 27, the Class of 2011 kicked off its last semester with Senior Chill in the Red Door.

A yearly event that invites seniors, faculty, and staff together to "chill out" as the semester begins, Senior Chill is one of a series of events for seniors over the course of the next few months. It was planned by the Senior Class Connections Campaign by Heather Fox, Assistant Director of the Muhlenberg Fund, along with SCCC chairs Christine Beck '11, Kelly Frazee '11, and Kelsey Griffith '11. "The goal of SCCC is to educate as many seniors as possible about the Muhlenberg Fund and the importance of giving back to the place that gave them an education, lifelong friends, and a secure future," Frazee said.

With graduation preparation underway, last Thursday was a chance for many seniors to start to think about the ever-approaching senior week, the week between finals and graduation in May filled with senior events, and the senior class gift.

It is tradition for the senior class to give back to the College with a gift upon their graduation. Last year's Class of 2010 contributed the new Student Life Annex to the addition in Seegers Union, which was dedicated over Homecoming Weekend by numerous 2010 graduates this past fall. At Senior Chill, this year's senior class was invited to begin thinking about their own gift to the college, starting with the gift of \$20.11 towards the Muhlenberg Fund. With this gift, seniors will be invited to a tour of the Haas bell tower during senior week.

The Muhlenberg Fund is an annual unrestricted giving fund on campus made up by alumni, parents and friends of the College. "Unrestricted means that the money goes to wherever it is needed the most, like paper for printers in the library, specimen to dissect in lab classes, to keeping the lights on in NSB, campus beautification, and Financial Aid," explained Frazee. 70 percent of students on campus get financial aid - to put that in perspective, most of this campus wouldn't be here if it weren't for the Muhlenberg Fund and generous alumni who have already set a precedent of giving back to the College.

In addition to food, drinks, and information about the Bell



Seniors Christine Beck, Kelsey Griffith, Kelly Frazee, and Asst. Director of the Muhlenberg Fund Heather Fox '08

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA

Tower tour, last week's Senior Chill included speeches by Sam Landman '11, Student Body President, President Helm, and Richard Brueckner, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Brueckner, a member of the Class of 1971, challenged seniors to "Break the Brueck" as they begin fundraising and considering the pledges they wish to make towards the senior class gift. Brueckner, who worked three jobs through college and has grown to truly appreciate the value of a quality education, wants to make his own contribution to this year's senior class. To motivate students to get involved, Brueckner has pledged to make a monetary donation based on the percentage of students who participate. If 30 percent of the senior class makes a donation, Brueckner will donate \$3,000. If 40 percent participates, he will donate \$4,000. If the senior class can reach a 75 percent participation rate, Brueckner will contribute \$10,000 to its fundraising efforts. "All people have to do is give a dollar!" Bruckner enthused, encouraging students to begin networking as soon as possible.

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Super Bowl Sunday - for more than just fans

As many of you may know, this Sun., Feb. 6 is Super Bowl XLV (that's forty-five, for all you who forgot your Middle School Math or Latin). This year's big game is happening at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas between the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Green Bay Packers are currently the favorite to take home the coveted Lombardi Trophy.

But what do you do if you are not the world's biggest football fan?

1. Host a game day party. Even if you don't necessarily want to sit on the couch and watch men tackle each other, who says you can't still partake in the gorge fest of greasy snack foods that is an annual tradition of Super Bowl Sunday.

2. If you are not a die-hard fan of either of the teams, make sure you and your friends are split on who you want to win. It's boring if the entire party is rooting for the same side. We guarantee that by the end of the night you will be jumping up and down every time your team scores a field goal or a touchdown.

3. Everyone knows that the commercials are a big part of the experience of the Super Bowl. It's one thing to just watch the ads and laugh, but that becomes tedious after a while. Have more fun viewing the promos by wondering how much money it cost for those thirty seconds of recognition!

4. Ever since the fiasco of Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake at the half-time show of Super Bowl XXXVIII (thirty-eight), the performance in between the two halves of the game has become a source of excitement almost as much as the game itself. Instead of just watching, get up and dance to the music. We "gotta feeling" that you're going to be having "the time" of your life "pumpin' it" with Fergie and the rest of the Black Eyed Peas during this year's half-time spectacle.

Then again, there's always the chance that you'll have fun while actually watching the game.

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Reforming education



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Our education system in the United States is failing on many levels, and though the Obama administration has addressed the need for reform little has changed over the past two years. Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, called for a rewrite of the 'No Child Left Behind' act at the beginning of this year along with many other reforms that he believes are crucial to turning our education program around.

The biggest concern of the nation is

how students in the United States compare to those in competing countries. Globally, US students are far from measuring up to their foreign counterparts. A little while ago the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) came out with the 2009 PISA results, which is an international assessment test given to 15 year olds in 34 countries. These results show how far behind the United States really is in the education race. On the mathematics scale, the average was 496; however, the US scored 487. This was not only below the average but also significantly below China who scored the highest. In science US students came in 25th place compared to other nations, and in reading the US scored only a little above average but still well below the leading countries. The results show the no. 1 country being China, followed closely by Korea, Finland, Singapore, Canada, New Zealand, and Japan. With much embarrassment, the US came in 17th place out of 34. Another shocking statistic that adds to the poor scores is that 25% of students in the US drop out of schooling; one million adolescents do not receive an elementary or secondary education across the nation. With this on the table, how does the Obama administration plan on reforming the education system in order to at least compete with other nations?

Duncan had some answers to that when interviewed earlier this month, claiming that we need to educate our way to a better economy. President Obama has set the standard that by 2012 the United States will once again lead in the number of college graduates. Duncan calls the education plan the "Cradle to Career Continuum." In this plan is the early childhood education program, reforms like 'Race to the Top', and continually increasing access and affordability of college. 'Race to the Top' is a competition created by the Obama administration in order to kick off the education reform. \$4.3 billion in an unprecedented federal investment reform was set aside for this race to divide between winning states. In order to be a contestant, each state had to propose a plan to overhaul their current education systems. From there only two states were chosen as winners of Phase 1. The competition is designed to reward states that are leading the way in education reform. The winners were selected on the following four key areas:

- Adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace.

- Building data systems that measure student growth and success and inform teachers and principals how to improve instruction.

- Recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially where they are needed most.

- Turning around their lowest-performing schools.

In announcing the winners Duncan claimed, "Both states have state-wide buy-in for comprehensive plans to reform their schools. They have written new laws to support their policies. And

they have demonstrated the courage, capacity, and commitment to turn their ideas into practices that can improve outcomes for students." The winners were Delaware and Tennessee, receiving \$100 million and \$500 million respectively in order to carry-out their new reform plans.

With this money distributed to the Phase 1 winners, \$3.4 billion was left available for the phase 2 winners. In order to apply to Phase 2, states had to take notes from the Department of Education on their original

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Our Democracy

BY ALEXANDER BROTMAN
OP/ED WRITER

With all of the recent events going on in our country that might make us wish we were somewhere else, we have a lot to be thankful for regardless. We live in a strong and extremely thriving democracy and should all be proud to be Americans, plain and simple. If there is one thing that the Gabrielle Giffords shooting and other things like unemployment show us, it is that we are incredibly well at standing together and solving problems.

Now, some other countries aren't nearly as good as doing that, as we are now seeing in Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt and Jordan. These are countries in Northern Africa and the Middle East that have been ruled by autocracies for in some cases close to three decades.

Take the case of Egypt, where the people of one of the world's oldest civilizations are now trying to overthrow a President, Hosni Mubarak, who has been in power and been a staunch ally of the United States since the early 80's. When he goes, it is time for us to change our policy, but it is also time for Egypt to reflect. When we reflect, we do it wisely, but when they reflect it means a boiling point, often one with casualties, has been reached.

We are incredibly grateful to live in America, where whether you like it or not, our press can publish what they wish, whereas in Tunisia they block the

media from covering protests. These are all aspects that make our democracy strong.

We don't have political prisoners, and our police force does not use brutality. That being said, we still have our faults, but the key is that we know how to solve them even though it might seem stressful at times. Regardless of political party, at least we have a system. Some of the countries struggling in the Arab world still don't.

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When you go to bed after watching CNN and hearing people still talking about whether President Obama was born in the United States, remind yourself of this: at least we can have that conversation.

Many other nations can't and it is their fault for not engaging in a more civil way of life that reflects the people's values. Egypt and other nations are ignoring that, and no longer can we let that slip by.

The Egypt crisis reminds us that there are people out there who have the right to protest and protest peacefully against something that they don't believe in. In America, we have that right as well, but it is something we have had for a long time.

We can go to sleep knowing that we have that right, while in lots of other nations you can't sleep a wink. Democracy is strong in America, let there be no mistake. All we have to do now is embrace it.

Ignore Rush

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Just over a week ago, Rush Limbaugh mocked Chinese President Hu Jintao. Limbaugh, in his characteristic inflammatory manner said, "Hu Jintao -- He was speaking and they weren't translating. They normally translate every couple of words. Hu Jintao was just going ching chong, ching chong cha." He then went on to imitate the Chinese leader's dialect for 17-seconds.

For obvious reasons, people were offended by Limbaugh's comments that mocked a language that over one billion people speak on this planet and labeled it unintelligible. Considering the difficult history that Asian people experienced establishing a foothold in this country, this imitation was out of line (only one of the few reasons that the segment was offensive). In response to the incident, many lawmakers and members of the media called for a boycott of Limbaugh's show by advertisers.

It seems like a shockjock like Limbaugh illicit such a strong response to an offensive event like this at least once a year.

Many times, it's Limbaugh himself, but one of the most memorable moments like this one was the episode with Don Imus. Imus eventually lost his job because of the ordeal. For the sake of disclosure, I will admit that I would like

to see Limbaugh lose his job. I feel like many out there offer more to the discourse and look to make their listeners more intelligent, whereas Limbaugh looks to take advantage of the fear of his listeners. However, that is not the main point of this article.

In the midst of the uproar surrounding the incident, I began to question the sincerity of those in the media calling for Limbaugh's resignation or firing. Honestly, the media revels in these controversies. They use them simultaneously

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to boost their ratings and take the higher ground to show that they themselves would never think of doing such a morally incomprehensible thing as what Limbaugh did.

Those in the media who are anti-Limbaugh benefit from these controversies as much as Limbaugh himself.

If aforementioned commentators really wanted to hurt Limbaugh, then they wouldn't talk about him at all. Like any bullies, the Limbaughs and the Glenn Becks of the world get the majority of their power by their ability to get to you and offend you, to bring you down to their level.

Every time they are mentioned in the media, it makes them seem more relevant than they actually are. If you are really fed up with Limbaugh's antics, ignore him. That would really drive him crazy.

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applications, rework their reform ideas, and resubmit their applications. On Aug. 24, 2010 Duncan announced the 10 winners of Phase 2 claiming, "these states show what is possible when adults come together to do the right thing for children. Every state that applied showed a tremendous amount of leadership and a bold commitment to education reform. The creativity and the innovation in each of these applications is breathtaking. We set a high bar and these states met the challenge." The following 10 states were the Phase 2 winners: the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and Rhode Island.

So what is the problem now? With the new Governorships taking over this year, and the old Governors who pioneered their state's education reform applications leaving office, quite a controversy has arisen. Many new Governors do not want to uphold many of the policies in the reforms their state received money for. For example in Ohio, the newly elected Governor Kasich does not believe in the education model outlined in the reform plan and therefore is planning on dumping it entirely. In response, Duncan's spokesman said previously that "if any state significantly changes the plan, it will be putting all Race to the Top funds in jeopardy" something no winning state could afford. This is very controversial in itself because now the government is single-handedly in control of education - exactly what is meant not to occur in democracy. States run the education programs but are bankrupt, so the government is using the grant money as a way to control the education systems. On one side, our education systems do need to be significantly reformed. On another, the government is taking an overbearing and intrusive control of state-run education systems.

For example, the Obama administration is forcing a standard that all teachers must be assessed according to their students' performance on statewide tests. Many state educators believe that this system is an unfair way of assessing teachers because there is no way to have a standardized class and the teachers will instead be forced to teach to the test to save their jobs. Teachers do need to be evaluated; however, basing their performance on their students' test scores is not the answer. Many states are trying to resist doing this, but the Obama administration is threatening to pull their money.

Our democratic nation is slowly being turned into a communist state. First the government-run nation-wide health care program where you get fined if you do not have health care; next the bank bailouts, and then the education systems. What is left for the states run themselves? Does it not seem like slowly but surely the Obama administration is going to control every aspect of our lives? That is communism. No wonder the Republicans are throwing a fit.

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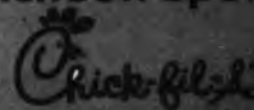
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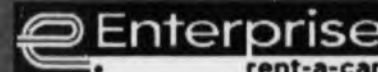
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critical. The report, in its entirety, was distributed to all members of the

SGA and all participants in the interview process. Any other interested parties may obtain a copy of the report by emailing Lee Kolbe, Associate Director of Student Activities and SGA advisor, kolbe@muhlenberg.edu

Although the full report contains much more specific details and observations, the following provides a brief view of his findings:

"The Consultant believes that the SGA at Muhlenberg College has great potential, and has the financial resources, potential people power, and administrative support to become one of the finest Student Governments in the nation. Right now to an outside observer, that goal probably doesn't seem probable or even possible, as SGA has not been very effective at all.

Becoming a true advocate for Muhlenberg students will not be easy or quick to reach this level of excellence. But it can be accomplished with a strategic plan. First, the leaders must define SGA's purpose and mission, and develop a short-term (one-year) and long-term (five to 10 years) plan and goals. All current members should be involved in this brainstorming and planning time and must "buy in" to the idea that SGA must become more united. Secondly, the Consultant recommends on focusing on three immediate projects or programs that are "winnable" and can be visible to students and administrators, and

also a new signature program, and considering an annual "capital" project.

Third, training, transitioning, and recruiting of up-and-coming officers and members is of the utmost importance. The improvements that SGA has begun must endure past the current leadership. Fourth, SGA must actively and aggressively promote the organization and its "projects" and services, including surveying fellow students in-person, which in turn will allow SGA to recruit more participants, prove that SGA is truly representatives of more than an handful of students, and spread the word about what SGA is at Muhlenberg and what it does for students.

And lastly, SGA must take advantage of resources provided by the American Student Government Association. As a founding member, Muhlenberg's SGA can call upon ASGA for support, research, and training for both student leaders and advisors, much of which would be at no or minimal cost beyond its membership dues. Developing a clear mission and determining short-term and long-term goals, training new officers and members, developing a signature program and three short-term achievable goals, and public relations enhancements should be the top priorities for 2011-12.

Knowing its current status and poor reputation, changing the perception of Muhlenberg's Student Government Association in the minds of administrators, students, and staff will take longer than a few

semesters. But over time and by being consistent with follow-through, message, and outreach, both students and administrators will eventually acknowledge SGA as an influential and effective organization if SGA officers treat their positions with the respect and professionalism they demand."

All members of the campus community are invited and encouraged to attend a public presentation of Mr. Oxendine's report on Thurs., Feb. 10 at 7:00 PM in the Event Space. Attendees would benefit from reviewing the report in advance so that they may offer comments and ask questions. Adequate time will be provided to allow all members of the campus community to be heard.

Schedule of related events:

Thursday, February 10 7:00 - 8:00 PM Event Space, Presentation of report **8:00 PM Event Space,** Mandatory Workshop-- all members of SGA; "13 Steps to a Super Student Government"

Friday, February 11 9:00 - 11:00 AM Student Life Conference Room, Mandatory Workshop SGA exec, "What Can You Really Accomplish?"

Thursday, February 24 7:00 - 9:00 PM Haas, Third Fl Conference Room , Mandatory Workshop, all members SGA; "How to Make Students Care About Your Student Government"

Friday, February 25 9:00 - 11:00 AM Student Life Conference Room, Open Session, SGA members

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Current World Events

Ten Thousand Advocate for Democracy

BY LAUREN PAPPACENA
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Tens of thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators gathered in Tahrir Square in downtown Cairo on Saturday for what may mark the end of President Hosni Mubarak's long and corrupt reign of power. Under the leadership of Mubarak, the people of Egypt have experienced extreme poverty while a select group of elite hold all the wealth. The ten thousand were also enraged by Mubarak's recently appointed vice president, Omar Suleiman.

By appointing Suleiman as his successor, Mubarak seems to be anticipating his own resignation from power. However, if Mubarak does resign and is succeeded by Suleiman, the demonstrators who are advocating for

the opportunity to vote for their own president would not be appeased, though Mubarak's resignation would be a great victory for the Egyptian people who have long been oppressed under his rule.

This particular demonstration in Tahrir Square had a much different feel than previous ones where soldiers and protesters clashed in a horrendously violent display. Egyptian soldiers, once the enemy of protesters, joined them in their demonstration. At one point the soldiers even assisted many protesters on top of a military tank as they lead the crowd in chanting for Mubarak's resignation. Smiling and flashing peace signs, it is still unsure whether this strange turn of events on the part of the military is indicative of their genuine sympathies with the protesters cause or if it is simply a carrying out

of orders to ease tensions and perhaps buy Mubarak sometime to plan his resignation. The government restored cell phone connections, which were shut off Friday to prevent protestor coordinating, though the internet is still inaccessible as of Saturday.

Despite this peaceful display, looting is still rampant in the city, as many armed shop owners sleep in their stores to ward off rowdy demonstrators. This victory for the Egyptian demonstrators has radical implications for the rest of the Middle East. With Tunisia's recent victory over their own dictator, and now with Mubarak's imminent fall, the Middle East seems to be entering a critical era of political change. Whether a true democratic system can exist in Egypt remains to be seen.

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Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.

Choir tours 3 states during Winter trek

by Bill Krenz

The Muhlenberg College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Charles McClain, has just completed an eight day winter tour of three states and the District of Columbia. The fifty member choir accompanied by the Muhlenberg Brass Ensemble made its trek through snow to accomplish a very successful tour.

The Choir returned to the College on January 7 where they practiced for their first concert the next day at Trinity Lutheran Church in Emmaus. Then it was off to Lansdale, where they sang before a congregation of over 400 at Trinity Lutheran Church. On Monday, after a brief concert at the Topton Lutheran Home, the choir arrived at Sinking Spring for an evening concert. The choir performed despite a small attendance because of low temperatures and high winds in the area.

On Tuesday the choir did a little sight-seeing in Hershey. They visited Hershey's Chocolate World, where they learned how chocolate is made, and they then drove to the Hershey School for Boys, where they toured Founders Hall, an immense auditorium. The building was constructed of marble with fountains and chandeliers and was quite a remarkable place to see.

The Choir then performed a short concert at Cedar Cliff High School in Camp Hill, before traveling to Carlisle, where they performed an evening concert at First Lutheran Church. On Wednesday, the choir toured the William Penn Museum in Harrisburg, where they performed in the main hall under forty foot statue of William Penn himself. The Choir then toured the state capital and visited the empty Senate and House chambers. Then, it was to the farmlands of Halifax, where

the choir performed a concert at the Halifax High School in the evening.

On Thursday the choir went across the border into Annapolis, Maryland. The choir enjoyed a free afternoon at this state capital, where the choir members toured such buildings as the state capital and old captains' homes. The choir then sang in the evening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

That night, after the choir members were at the homes of their hosts, the snow fell, enough to make traveling a problem. After a two hour delay the next day, the choir went to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, where they toured the chapel, a museum, and a dorm, and watched the cadets battle each other with snowballs. The concert at Baltimore Lutheran High School was cancelled in the afternoon.

Friday night, the choir performed at the First English Lutheran Church in Baltimore. Here, many Muhlenberg Alumni helped take in choir members for the night's stay.

On Saturday, the day of anticipation had come. The buses entered Washington D.C., where the choir had a free day for sightseeing. The choir saw many famous sites including the White House, the Capital, the Smithsonian Institute, the Archives Building, and Ford Theatre. Also, many of the choir were able to see Hubert Humphrey lie in state in the rotunda of the Capital. That night, seventeen members went to the Watergate for dinner where they had a meal fit for a king and for a budget of a king—the meal cost over 200 dollars. The choir then went to the Kennedy Center where they saw the Slatburg Symphony orchestra. A night's entertainment then began at the Harrington Hotel. The

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The lower hall of Seegers Union after the flood.



Members of the WEEKLY staff after fleeing the Publications Office.

Sewer backup floods Union; odor remains

Seegers Union, a facility that just recently celebrated its fifteenth year as a center for college activities and services, was inundated by a flood of water and debris shortly after 6 p.m., January 24. According to Mr. David Seamans, Director of J. Conrad Seegers Union, the flood was the result of a "backed-up" sewer pipe that drains the Union's dishwasher and garbage disposal units.

The fluid waste, unable to drain into the Allentown sewer system, exited via a pipe valve in the utility closet located next to the Publications Office. The sewage proceeded to flood most of the lower level of Seegers Union. Areas affected by the flood include the offices of the *Clarke*, the *Weekly* (in fact, publication of this newspaper was delayed), and the bookstore.

Mr. Seamans noted that the water damage was not too severe. In addition, he praised members of the Buildings and Grounds staff for their clean-up effort, which lasted most of the evening. However, he also observed that "the smell may be with us for some time."

'Misplaced' trays cause big problems; students pitch-in during emergency

by Richard Torban

According to Mr. Larry Bausch, Director of Food Service at Muhlenberg, a serious problem has arisen in view of the fact that four hundred dinner trays have been "misplaced" from the Union in the past week.

Mr. Bausch cites the popular past-time of "traying" and the need of some students to bail out their cars from the parking lot as the primary causes of the tray shortage. In addition to the financial burden that would arise should all the trays have to be replaced (the trays cost four dollars apiece), there may soon not be enough trays to service all students at mealtime, since the remaining trays will not be able to be recycled quickly enough for use. Mr. Bausch cites the fact that as of December 1975 there were 1,019 trays purchased, and as of December 1977 only 623 trays remained. At the present time, there are only 216 trays remaining—a bare minimum. "I would certainly appreciate the students returning the trays after they've 'borrowed' them," commented Bausch. "Last year we sent a van to Cedar Crest hill and picked up 170 of them." In fact, the current tray problem is so serious that it has prompted Dean LeCount to send a letter to every

student requesting that all trays be returned to the Union as soon as possible.

It was fortunate that during the severe snowstorm of last week the Union did not close. Six employees who lived nearby walked to work, and they were assisted by student volunteers who usually work at the cafeteria. These students manned the dish and pot rooms, and were indispensable. Mr. Bausch expressed his desire to thank these students personally for their service during that time period.

In other news, a poll of favorite entries and deserts has been compiled and these dishes will appear on the menu more frequently than in the past. Several new deserts will be prepared.

On either February 9 or 10 there will be a specialty dinner of Italian food. Students will have a choice of eating the regular meal at the

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Savage snowfall cancels classes

by Barry Schwartz

Muhlenberg Students had been talking about it all week and

finally it came. The first snow day at Muhlenberg in years. The snow started to come down all

week, but Thursday night it really came down. As many people tracked back from the ATO party, the sidewalks and streets were covered with inches of snow and people were walking in the street. Then came the famous morning. As students woke up to go to classes on Friday, they were pleasantly surprised. As the day wore on, students occupied time with such things as poker, risk, backgammon, playing records, and some even studied a little. Well, as they say, a three day weekend never hurts.

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Yes!... it did happen, and, yes, it was at Berg. Classes were cancelled Friday, Jan. 20, 1978 due to inclement (that's not the word for it) weather.

Photo by Chambers

Zeiner leads debate team

Bryan Zeiner and Larry Husick continued their winning ways in Intercollegiate Public Speaking Competition by capturing seven trophies at the H. L. Mencken Forensic Tournament at Towson State University on January 13 and 14. Mr. Zeiner captured top

honors by winning the first place pentathlon trophy, the highest award given, plus trophies for first place in Original Prose, first place in Impromptu Extemporaneous Speaking, second place in Impromptu Sales, and fifth place in

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 24 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Jan. 24 – Injured Student – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused transport and will see the Health Center in the morning.

Jan. 25 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 417 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Jan. 26 – Found Property – On N. 26th St., there was a report of a found student ID card. A message was left with the owner. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 26 – Injured Student – In the Trexler Library parking lot, there was a report of an

injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Jan. 27 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick visitor. Allentown EMS was called. The Health Center was notified and responded. Allentown EMS transported the individual to the hospital.

Jan. 27 – Injured Student – At 2216 Chew St., there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A friend of the student's transported the individual to the hospital.

Jan. 27 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several empty and unopened cans were found in a room. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. The individuals were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 27 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was another report of an alcohol violation. Several cans were

found in a room. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department



responded. Allentown EMS also responded and transported a student to the hospital. The student was cited for Underage Drinking by the Allentown Police Department.

Jan. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report

of an alcohol violation. Empty cans were found in a room. The students were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of another alcohol violation. Allentown Police

Department responded. Individuals were identified and a non-student was cited for Underage Drinking by Allentown Police Department. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 29 – Institutional Vandalism – In Martin Luther Hall, first and third floors, there was a report of

signs thrown everywhere on the first and third floors and a broken concrete ashtray was found in the quad area. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 29 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a concrete ashtray. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 29 – Injured Student – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Jan. 29 – Found Property – In Moyer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and picked up the item.

Jan. 30 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified and the items were photographed and disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 30 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival the area was quiet. Residents of a house were identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Jan. 30 – Vehicle Violation – Off campus, there was a report of a vehicle parked in front of a neighbor's house for several days. A Campus Safety officer was unable to identify the owner of the vehicle. The person was advised to call the Allentown Parking Authority.

Jan. 30 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Off campus, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. Allentown Police Department was called after several attempts were made to contact the student involved. The student was notified and will contact the Allentown Police Department.

Jan. 30 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Village upper parking lot, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. The individuals exchanged information. There was no further information.

Inclement Weather Policy

As a general policy, the College remains open and fully operational during snow storms and other weather emergencies. Any need for closure of the offices will be determined by the President upon recommendation of Director of Campus Safety and Kent Dyer. In cases of extreme weather, tune in to any of the TV and radio stations listed below to determine if the College is closed. These stations will carry announcements of any delays in openings or closure of the College between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

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and TV Channels 69 (WFMZ), 16 (WNEP), 28 (WBRE), and 22 (WYOU)

The College has a very convenient "Weather Hotline" as well. The fastest way to learn of the latest weather emergency update for the College is to call the Weather Hotline, (484) 664-6000. Public Relations also sends out a message to all students and posts weather updates on the Message Board. Should a delayed opening be announced, class schedules will not be rearranged, but will adhere to regular meeting times.

When inclement weather makes travel difficult, individual classes may be canceled at the faculty member's discretion. Faculty members are encouraged to let students know of cancellations via the e-mail features on capstone or blackboard. Faculty members holding classes on days when some faculty are forced to cancel classes are also encouraged to communicate this electronically to students to reduce phone calls to offices. Students are responsible for checking their campus e-mail frequently on such days in order to keep informed about class closings and openings.

If changing weather conditions during the day require a decision on early closing of the College, an "Everyone Group" email will be used to disseminate the information. Departments with individuals who do not have computer access will be expected to relay the message by phone to those individuals.

For The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College, Jane Hudak, will provide notice regarding the status of evening classes to the listed radio and TV stations, Campus Safety and Seegers Union as early as possible.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Stepping out of what you've been taught is right or real, and meeting these people and becoming friends with them can be life-changing."

-Anna Ballan

It's time to roll out the red carpet!

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE! EDITOR

Most men are preparing for Super Bowl XLV and finalizing their bets on the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Green Bay Packers NFL showdown. This year the Super Bowl is being held this Sun., Feb. 6. While many men are currently debating who will provide refreshments for their "big day," many women are wandering into another room making plans for their own event. On Feb. 27, at 8pm, ABC will be airing the 83rd annual Academy Awards. Now that we have reached February and the air date is only in a matter of weeks, most women are whipping out their planners and penciling in dates to attend all the films in hopes of viewing all of the nominated pictures prior to this time.

It is important to view most if not all of the nominated films, or one cannot actively participate in this event. It is a very competitive night, and just as men do not want to see their favorite team lose this Sunday, women do not want to see their favorite actor denied one of the most prestigious awards the silver screen has to offer.

One might think it far-fetched to compare the significance of the Super Bowl for men to the importance of the Academy Awards for women, but if you have any doubts in regards to this analysis then you haven't properly experienced Academy night.

Where I come from, Academy Awards night is more popular than Valentine's Day or St. Patrick's Day. I use these holidays as examples only because I know the hype that each day receives for love or for "cheer" depending on your preference, but some would not believe that in many households Academy Awards night is a cause for an even bigger celebration.

The celebration begins early and ends late, as any true event will do. While the actual awards ceremony begins at 8 pm, it is normal for women to start preparing snacks and dinner around 4pm. Now I know most people reading this article at this point would criticize this article for being stereotypical, and it is not my intention to come across that way. I am fully aware that a woman can just as easily throw on a jersey and scream at the top of her lungs during a football game as a man could sit propped up in a chair with shrimp in a cup observing the movie stars, thoroughly enjoying the chance to critique the appearance of the stars and the night itself. I only indulge in this stereotypical language in order to express just how important Academy Awards night can be to women.

How could this night not appeal to a viewer's feminine side? It has glamour, glitz, fashion, jewelry, prestige, gorgeous women and men, and most importantly it allows the opportunity for all interested in the matter to transport their minds to a "dream world" that only the few and the lucky are able experience in reality.

Getting back to the description of the night, after refreshments have been served around 6 pm, the guests will begin to arrive at the house hosting the celebration, which tends to vary each year. Once in the house, the guests will rush to claim their seats knowing that this will be their stomping ground for the night, so comfort is of great importance. Once everyone has established their territory and the miniature refreshments

have been placed on plates, all eyes begin to peer at the ballots. Why the pressing need for ballots? As I mentioned before, Academy night is a very competitive night. There is a money pot of \$100 or more depending on the amount of guests that are attending the event. From my experience, there have been about 20 guests to a party and the

gambling rate is usually a mere \$5, so that all will be able to participate.

On the ballots will be the different categories being presented with possible awards later on in the night. Upon receiving their ballots, guests will take out their black sharpie and begin to contemplate the victors of the night. Different people

feel very strongly about different categories. I, for one, am very passionate about the best actress category because I used to dream of pursuing it as a future profession. Others will feel very strongly towards the animation category and so on. When the ballots have been "cast," which has to be completed before the award ceremony begins, the job of tallying the score will be delegated to a responsible person. This job is rarely thrust upon me as I am an avid viewer of this award show and wouldn't want to veer away from the television for even a minute. The job each year is usually given to a man who is less interested than anyone else in the room. Everyone loves a big celebration, but not everyone is excited about the fashion and inflating the egos of cocky movie stars who receive more money each year than a brain surgeon, but to each his own.

The voices of the anxious guests will quickly vanish, and the volume will start to rise as the movie stars begin to arrive in their limousines with their spouse or significant other. For a dedicated fan, this is the time where the fun truly begins.

It is deliriously fun for most people when the movie stars arrive on the red carpet because the average person finally receives a chance to be judgmental with ease. On a daily basis, it is frowned upon and almost deemed "immoral" to judge what one person is wearing, or to criticize someone's life in general. It is rude to be critical of people by way of appearance and frankly anyone expressing these sentiments regularly is not someone I would want to call my friend. On this night, however, everyone is carefree and screams out to the company his or her opinions and thoughts, which range from fashion to speech depending on the person. Hardly anyone present at the event cares, unless they disagree, about these opinions, as they are excited to hear the critiques and already informed that this is all part of this event. Just as men are critical of their sports team during the Super Bowl, women are critical of the actresses of which they have grown attached after viewing nominated films for several months. Usually, the nominated films come out in Nov. and Dec. because they have to be viewed in theatres prior to the New Year, or they can't be considered for that year's Academy Awards and have to wait till the following year. It is rare for a nominated movie to be viewed early on in the year.

As the opinions continue to fly at the television and the last of the movie stars step out of their various vehicles, it grows closer to the time of the award ceremony. By this time, the company in celebration has made their judgments and it has already been determined who looked old, young, fat, thin, etc. The audience has moved on realizing that tomorrow in The Post or in the various other forms of media their will be more critiques of which the company will either agree or disagree. The ballots are in the hand of the individual who is keeping tally, the pizzas and various beverages have been presented to the guests, and the "game", so to speak, is set to begin.

The award ceremony will usually have a host who is popular and is noted for being funny. Despite the desires of ABC network, the comedic actor or actress will fail at being hilarious. Stand-up comedy is not for everyone; it is a special talent that should be delegated to performers in New York City rather than an already over paid actor, but this is just me



Academy Awards statues given to various actors.

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The location of Super Bowl XVI.

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ranting now. Billy Crystal, Steve Martin, Alec Baldwin, and Whoopi Goldberg have been among the few who were able to carry the show throughout the whole night. The show will usually drag on till midnight or so depending on the length of the acceptance speeches. I say "drag on" because the commercials in between are long and, frankly, very unnecessary. I understand that the awards show needs sponsors, but they are trying to compete with the commercials that occur during the Super Bowl something that is impossible to do. The commercials during the Super Bowl are hilarious and entertaining, and the commercials presented during the Academy Awards are lengthy and tedious. The silver lining is that the awards ceremony almost always begins with a "fan favorite category," such as best supporting actress. This category is also interesting because there is not a "usual suspect" to claim this award. It can go to any actress or actor, and they only have to be in the film for a short amount of time to be deemed a supporting character. Meryl Streep is the "queen" of the best actress category, but I fail to recognize anyone suitable to be deemed "queen" of the best supporting actress category.

As the night progresses, the pizza has disappeared, the ballots are marked up with check marks or cross outs in the name of victory, (or loss), and the name of the victor of the money pot is within minutes of being bellowed from the responsible score keeper. After the last minutes of the ceremony have been wrapped up and the host politely bids the audiences from around the world farewell, the victor is decided. In my household, for the past six or seven years, the victor has been my mother. Perhaps, that is why I presented the stereotype in the beginning of this article deeming men the football viewers and women the Academy Awards viewer because my mother always wins the money pot and is most accurate with her ballot. Either way my mother screams at the top of her lungs following the confirmation of her victory the way a lottery winner would do, and everybody else in the room once again bows his or her head in shame of the seventh consecutive loss.

Since spring break doesn't fall on the weekend of the Academy Awards like it did last year and Super Bowl will be over by this Sun., Start making plans for your Academy Awards celebration. Call your friends and suggest someone to bring the guacamole for the chips, ask someone to call Liberty Street and Tavern to order pizza, have someone print out the ballots from the Academy Awards website, and get someone to host the celebration. Life is short, so enjoy it by adding another party to your calendar!

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- 3) Zumba in the Life Sports Center Field House from 12:10pm-12:40pm

Fri. Feb. 4

- 1) UCU First Friday Lunchtime talk and discussion and Seegers Room 112 from Noon-1pm.

- 2) Stuff-a-plush in Seegers Lobby from 9pm-Midnight

Sat. Feb. 5

- 1) Wrestling in Memorial Hall/Field House from 11am-3:30pm
- 2) Martin Art Gallery Exhibiton: ASYLUM in the Martin Art Gallery from Noon-8pm

Sun. Feb. 6

- 1) All campus worship service in Egner Memorial Chapel from 1pm-2pm
- 2) Zumba in the Life Sports Center Field House from 6:45pm-8pm

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A dance into blackness

By RYAN HABER
LIFE! WRITER

"Surprise yourself so
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audience." (Vincent

Cassel, *Black Swan*) Director Darren Aronofsky has done just that with his latest film *Black Swan*. With the film's claustrophobic performance of opposites through repressed childlike Nina and unhinged Lily you see the true madness of the tortured psyche of an artist's drama.

Mila Kunis gives a great rival performance in competition with Natalie Portman who shines brightest of all. However, I must also give attention to another great performance given by Barbara Hershey, who plays Nina's erratic mother. You don't know whether you should laugh or cry at this "Mommie Dearest" doppelganger. Amongst the climactic hysteria and the necessity for perfection



Natalie Portman portraying the black swan.

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portrayal of artistic concussion with Natalie Portman playing the sacrificial lamb.

there is the need for a loss of control. Lily's intrusion on Nina's life at all times plays into Nina's tortured delusion of Lily's takeover. Aronofsky delivers both a bizarre and brilliant film about two girls who are opposing clichés that go head to head. The virginal and good girl contrasting with her outlandish and brash alter ego (represented by Kunis as what Portman's character needs to be). As her character Nina has to, Natalie Portman totally loses herself in *Black Swan*. The ending of the film

provides a haunting cinematic

The family that fights together wins together

By RYAN HABER
LIFE! WRITER

Usually you say, you've seen one, you've seen them all but in the case of *The Fighter*, this isn't

your average boxing movie. Mark Wahlberg plays a wannabe welterweight boxer who is largely overshadowed by his older brother Dicky (played by Christian Bale) and his large and over-bearing family. The clutches of his family are broken free through his newfound love Charlene (Amy Adams) but not without difficulty. Micky's family has a hard time understanding that he is capable of doing well on his own without them. In terms of supporting characters, I absolutely think that Christian Bale as Dicky takes the cake. Bale portrays a former boxer who at his prime then fell into a downward spiral into a world of drugs.



Mark Wahlberg posing for the camera.

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The whole film wears itself on its sleeve forcing it to hang out there for everyone to see and judge. At times it was slow but the slowness forced you to want and need the climactic yet triumphant ending. Christian Bale and Mark Wahlberg give the film a sense of humanity in their roles. On it's own, *The Fighter* isn't just about Wahlberg's character. The film makes him the eye of the storm, the storm being everyone else who surrounds him, his gym community, his older brother, his friends and his family. The story itself is just as much about Dicky's triumph over drugs as it is about Micky's triumph into the boxing world and being able to get what he wants while keeping the love and support of his family.

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Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:50

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Sat. 1:50, 4:40, 7:30
Sun. 1:50, 4:40, 7:30

The Dilemma

Fri. 1:30, 4:10, 7:10
Sat. 1:30, 4:10, 7:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:10

The Green Hornet

Fri. 1:30, 4:20, 7:00
Sat. 1:30, 4:20, 7:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:00

True Grit

Fri. 1:40, 4:45, 7:20
Sat. 1:40, 4:45, 7:20
Sun. 1:40, 4:45, 7:20

The Rite

Fri. 2:00, 4:50, 7:40
Sat. 2:00, 4:50, 7:40
Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:40

If you could have any food fall from the sky like snow, what would it be?



"M&M's."

-Andrea Weidknecht '11



"Mini Marshmallows"

- Erin Murphy '13 &
Aaron Segal '13



"French fries like in Kazaam"

- Jimmy Morgan '13 &
Doug Dulaney '12



"Peanut butter"

- Laura Arciero '11

Courtesy of Shari Goldenberg

IM Basketball kicks off!



Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The 2011 Intramural Basketball season has finally kicked off and the first two days are already behind us. We've seen some great competition so far, and teams have really come to play this year. We've gotten a look at every team, and we've learned a lot from opening weekend. Every A League team seems to have a legitimate shot at a championship, and the B League definitely has a good amount of contenders of its own.

The A League is the best it's looked in years. There are only six teams this season, but all are well-rounded with several stars on each team. After opening weekend two teams remain undefeated: Roll Tide and Coatesville Red Raiders. Roll Tide managed to go 2-0 on the opening day without first teamer Senior Spencer Joseph and Coach Ryan Finch. They were led by strong play from their newcomers Freshman Nick Liakas and Junior Alex Kahan. Both have already shown that they will definitely be stars in the league over the next few years.

Coatesville Red Raiders have a lot of buzz around them already. They are a team playing together for pretty much the first time. They went 2-0 on opening day and

many think they are the team to beat this year. They were led by Juniors Aaron Friedman, Jake Ramsey, and preseason Comeback Player of the Year Scott Barton. Barton immediately made me look like a genius with his strong play in both of his first two games. If he continues to play like that, they will be a very tough team to beat.

We also got our first look at Kon Tiki's new team. This offseason, they picked up Senior Jon Liberty and Junior Shea Fahey. Signing Liberty gave Kon Tiki a big three of Liberty, Senior Matt Ceconi, and Junior Cody Antonini that could be very Miami Heat-esque. All three have been big time players in this league already, so together they will definitely be a great team. They went 1-1 this weekend. If their role players, like Sophomore Danny Way, can step up they will be there in the end without a doubt.

Sophomore Tim Vogel and Junior Chris Hartzell also had a big weekend and showed they're going to make a difference this year. Both showed they can play with anyone and will definitely take their team on a run this year.

The B League is also off to a great start this season. We have a record number of teams, and there seems to be several teams that have a shot at the title. The defending champs, the Tazerbacks, are back where they left off. They were quickly off to a 2-0 start with two very convincing wins early on. Their offseason acquisitions of Senior Louis T. Greco and local felon Joe "Call me Joe Sweet-Low" Swirble really seem to be paying off. They continue to be the favorites to take the B league.

Other B League teams to watch: ATO, Team Fupa, Villains, and Super Smash Bros. ATO is also off to a 2-0 start with strong play from Sophomores Glenn Terry and Jeff Naids. Team Fupa is a sleeper team that no one really saw coming but are also off to a 2-0 start, and the same goes for the Villains. The Super Smash Bros. were a strong team last season and are looking to take it to the next level this year.

A difficult path

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
SPORTS WRITER

He and his older brother, two teenagers living in Houston, were doing what they had to when their mother was at work at night and their father was in prison, they were dealing drugs just to get by. A single mother of five, with an ex-husband in jail the two teenage boys were doing what they needed to do to put food on the table for the fragmented family. Sometimes he and his family had to make do with living in hotel rooms, a U-Haul, and at the worst of times in the street. Then on one ordinary day he said to his brother, "I'm going to make it. I'm going to do something that nobody in this family has done. I'm going to make something out of me".

Who is he, and did he make it? Well, on Sunday he, Donald Driver, will be playing for the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XLV. Donald Driver has been in the NFL for 12 seasons and has amassed 698 catches, for 9615 yards and 53 touchdowns. This prolific career began when he was drafted in the last round of the 1999 NFL Draft out of Alcorn State. 212 players were drafted before him, but maybe that's not that surprising considering the road he took to get to that point.

To say Driver's youth was a troubled one filled with hardship and strife would be a gross understatement, but when he said that he was going to make it he meant it. In high school when he saw upperclassmen getting college scholarships to play sports he envisioned himself getting a scholarship one day and so he did. He did this by giving up dealing drugs, missing class, and applied himself as athlete with an unquenchable thirst for success. A defining moment in his high school life was not on the football field, but occurred in his senior year when two of his friends

asked him to come out with them that night to hang out. Driver said no and the other two ended up spending the night carjacking and assaulting a woman. One of those friends ended up spending nine years in prison while the other is still in prison to this day. The crazy thing is that could have been Donald Driver. The path he was once on was seemingly pushing him down that road, but he made a conscious decision to fight his way to where he knew he needed to go. As to what Driver would of said to his two friends, "That's on you".

The responsibility that Driver took for his own life was impressive and didn't stop in college and it definitely didn't stop in the NFL. Now that Driver has "made it" he has taken it upon himself to give back. In his 12 year NFL career he has made over 500 charity appearances, hosted charity golf and pool tournaments, and free football camps in the summer in Mississippi, Texas, and Wisconsin. If that was only enough Driver's mother is the President of a charity he founded called the Donald Driver Foundation, which helps homeless people rebuild their lives by giving them a place to live and helping them get their lives together. Donald Driver is not only a model of success but a model of charity.

When you watch the wide receiver for the Green Bay Packers, number 80, go up against the acclaimed Pittsburgh Steelers defense in the Super Bowl take a second just to comprehend the odds that Driver beat to get to this point. When so many people make excuse after excuse for their lack of success or their inability to make something out of bad situation take a look at Donald Driver play and think what can I do if I tell myself "I'm going to make it" and then go out and do it. Donald Driver did.

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What is it about sports?

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

What is it about sports that make people go crazy? In its simplest sense, they are all just games. But these games push people to do amazing, dumb, crazy, heroic, cowardly things. Athletes risk their lives to get better at this game by pumping illegal and harmful substances into their bodies. Exhibit A: Who knows how many great baseball sluggers of the past 25 years who took steroids in order to become a better hitters. They commit crimes in order to better their chances at succeeding at this game. Exhibit B and C: In 1994, former figure skating champion Tonya Harding hired someone to break the leg of her biggest competitor, Nancy Kerrigan. In 2006, Mitch Cozad, the backup punter at Northern Colorado, stabbed the starting punter, Rafael Mendoza, in his kicking leg in an attempt to gain the starting spot.

But sports also bring out some of the best in people. Exhibit D: A Western Oregon College softball player hits a three-run homerun in 2008. Rounding first base, she trips and seriously injures her knee. Two players from the opposing team, Central Washington University, carried her around the bases so she can get credit for the homerun, even though the runs would ultimately lead to their elimination from the playoffs. This game causes people to push their bodies to the limit - to run more miles and lift more weight than people could only dream of. It makes people persevere against terrible pain. Exhibit E: In 1979, Hall of Fame defensive end Jack Youngblood played his entire playoffs, including the Super Bowl, with a broken leg. If that wasn't enough, instead of sitting out and resting his broken bone, he decided to play in the Pro Bowl as well.

So what is it about sports that can cause people to commit such heinous acts,

endure so much pain, and train so hard? Is it money? Certainly, some players (or many) are motivated by the wealth that a successful sports career may bring. But there are others that clearly aren't doing it just for the money. Is it the drive to be successful? To show who is the fastest, strongest, the most athletic? We can all see the benefits athletes have to gain from their success. A more interesting question may be what makes fans go so crazy over this game?

Fans have killed in the name of sports. In 2007, a New York Mets fan beat up his father and killed his mother with a barbell after he was enraged after a Mets loss. In 2008, a Yankees fan ran over and killed a Red Sox fan following a sports debate at a bar. Fans have made bets that led to them getting embarrassing tattoos. They have named their children after their favorite athletes. Even in death they display their dedication, like when they request that their ashes be scattered at their favorite stadium.

One recent story shows just how far some fans will go for this game. Jim Becker is 79 years old and he is a die-hard Packers fan. He was a season ticket holder from 1952 to 2008 and raising 11 children often made finding enough money to pay for the tickets extremely difficult. So Jim decided to sell his blood at \$15 a pint. This sounds like a crazy decision but it ultimately was a decision that saved his life. After filling out a questionnaire regarding his family medical history, doctors learned that Jim's father had hemochromatosis, a condition where the blood retains too much iron. The doctors learned that Jim also had it and the only treatment was to give blood. By that time, he had sold around 145 pints of his blood.

Clearly, it is more than just a game.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

January 25 - February 1

Women's Basketball (13-5, 9-4)

@ Haverford W 67-57
JOHNS HOPKINS L 57-67

Men's Basketball (11-8, 7-5)

@ Haverford
JOHNS HOPKINS

W 77-69
W 54-48

Wrestling (0-9, 0-4)

SCRANTON cancelled
@ Merchant Marine L 0-53
vs. Stevens L 6-48



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Junior Forward Spencer Liddic was dominant for the Mules in their victory at Johns Hopkins.

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to Johns Hopkins on Sat., Feb. 19. It will be their second meeting during the Centennial Conference regular season play.

Earlier this month, the Mules went down to the Johns Hopkins campus in Baltimore, MD and defeated the Blue Jays 68-62 behind the play of Liddic and Sophomore Forward Rob Berish. The Mules were never able to break the game open, but they were able to earn the victory. The latest game against Hopkins, though, turned out to be a battle in the trenches, as neither team could gain any sort of rhythm. The Mules only shot 41.7% from the field but did contain the Jays who only shot 40% from the field. Muhlenberg was lead by Liddic who had another double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Tozer also contributed eight points in the victory.

In a side note, Liddic was also named the Centennial Conference player of the week, by averaging 21.5 points per game and an average of 11.5 rebounds for the past two games. The Junior forward is the leading scorer in the entire conference, and he has compiled a total of 1,120 points throughout his career at Muhlenberg. Liddic has been the driving force in every game so far this season for the Mules, and he will hopefully lead his team to a playoff berth and a deep run in the conference postseason.

Next, the Mules will play at Swarthmore College on Feb. 2nd. Then they will play against the Diplomats of Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Sat., Feb. 5. The Mules defeated both teams in each of the first meetings between the two, but the next two games will be two of the biggest of the 2010-2011 season, as both teams have improved. The Mules have already improved, as the push for the postseason is new in full throttle.

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February 3 - February 10

Women's Basketball (13-5, 9-4)

Sat. Feb. 5	@ Franklin & Marshall	2:00
Tue. Feb. 8	DICKINSON	7:30
Wed. Feb. 9	@ Bryn Mawr	7:00

Men's Basketball (11-8, 7-5)

Wed. Feb. 2	@ Swarthmore	8:00
Sat. Feb. 5	@ Franklin & Marshall	4:00
Wed. Feb. 9	DICKINSON	7:30

Indoor Track & Field

Sat. Feb. 5	DeSchraver Invitational (East Stroudsburg)	
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Wrestling (0-9, 0-4)

Sat. Feb. 5	WASHINGTON & LEE/ McDANIEL	11:00
Wed. Feb. 9	@ Centenary (N.J.)	5:30

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Mules victorious in pivotal conference games

BY MAGIC JORDAN
SPORTS WRITER

The men's basketball team played two pivotal games last week in their pursuit of a Centennial Conference playoff berth. 'Berg visited the Fords of Haverford College and then went up against the Blue Jays from Johns Hopkins University at Memorial Hall. The Mules came up victorious in both contests and improved overall to 11-8 and 7-5 in the Centennial Conference.

In the first game last week on Wed. the 26th, the Mules faced Haverford College in Haverford, PA. It was expected to be a very difficult game, as the Fords play is normally a huge challenge for their opponents on their home court. The Mules, though, dominated the entire game as the score only favored the hosts three times early in the first half. The Mules in that half were up by as much as 15 points, with the halftime score at 42-2 in favor of Muhlenberg. The 'Berg shot an impressive 57.7% from the field and also netted four three-point field goals, as the team solidified their dominance on the offensive and defensive sides of the court. The Fords only shot 37.9% from the field and struggled to get into any rhythm thanks to the Mules stellar defensive performance in the first half. The Mules anticipated a strong second half run by the host team, but the Fords were able to sustain the lead throughout the rest of the game.

The Mules ultimately defeated the Fords 77-69, but the final score did not reflect how dominant Muhlenberg was in the second half. The biggest lead of the game came after a three pointer from Sophomore Guard Matt O'Hara with seven minutes and 50 seconds left in the game. The Mules kept coming with key baskets and key defensive stops that did not allow the Fords to creep back into the game. Other than O'Hara, who finished with six points and five rebounds, the Mules were lead by Junior forward Spencer Liddic with 23 points and 11 rebounds, six of which were off the offensive boards. Freshman Guard Austin Curry contributed 17 crucial points, including a four point play, and Senior Guard/Forward Evan Tozer had 13 points in the game. The Mules next played host

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Lady Mules win at Haverford, drop game to Blue Jays

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

The Mules continue to toe the .500 line in 2011. After winning in dominating fashion at Haverford (8-10, 5-8), the Mules dropped a crucial game to conference-best Johns Hopkins (16-3, 13-2). Although the

The first score of the game was off of a steal by Senior Guard Kelly McKeon who then layed it in. Throughout the game, the Mules' defense was stifling, forcing a season-high 21 steals and, for the third time this season, 30 turnovers. McKeon was responsible for 8 of those steals herself.

Haverford answered Muhlenberg with a three. Then Junior Guard Alexandra Chili responded with another layup. The Mules never fell behind again in the game, although the Fords were able to keep it close up until the end. The Mules prevailed, 67-57.

Chili led the offense with 22 points. With these points, Chili moved into 23rd place on the Centennial Conference career scoring list with 1,322 points. Senior Guard Alexandra Berlin contributed with 11 points. Erin Laney was a presence off the bench, shooting 3-5 for a total of 7 points.

The win kept the Mules in second place in the Centennial Conference. Their next game was at conference-best Johns Hopkins.

For the first 5 minutes of the game at home against Johns Hopkins, the scoring was back and forth. Then, the Mules began to break away. By halftime, they were up 9 points on the Blue Jays. However, 7 minutes into the second half, the Muhlenberg lead had disappeared, although they still led by 1 point. They Mules then rebuilt their lead of 9 points, before being outscored 27-8 in the last ten minutes of the game, losing 67-57. The Mules' poor shooting, 22% in the second half, contributed to the loss.

Senior Sheila Cook scored 10 points for the Mules. Freshman Leeann Lanza had 12 rebounds.

The Lady Mules' next game will be Saturday at Franklin & Marshall (11-9, 9-6).

Comparing the two Super Bowl Quarterbacks: Roethlisberger vs. Rodgers

BY JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

With the Super Bowl just days away (and isn't it incredible that the football season is just days away from its completion?), all talk and energy is focused on the last two teams standing: the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Two very talented teams, with two very talented quarterbacks leading the way. However, the question arises: Which quarterback is better? Aaron Rodgers or Ben Roethlisberger?

Putting aside questions of character for just this moment, we focus strictly on the numbers. This year, playing in 15 games, Rodgers put up numbers of 28 touchdowns, 3,922 passing yards and only 11 interceptions, playing on a team that was decimated by injuries, namely to one of his favorite targets, tight end JerMichael Finley.

Roethlisberger, playing in only 12 games due to his four-game suspension at the start the season, still put up terrific numbers. 17 touchdowns, an incredibly low five interceptions, and 3,200 yards. It's worth noting that the Packers do employ a more vertical offensive attack, while the Steelers focus more on the running game and short, safe passes, leading to Roethlisberger's low interception rate.

In the playoffs, in the games that really matter, Rodgers has been very good, throwing for six touchdowns in three games, two interceptions and 790 yards. Roethlisberger has thrown 359 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions in two playoff games.

Just considering statistics, Rodgers has the slight edge. More passing yards. More touchdowns. But, we can't only consider stats. Keeping in mind the differences in the two offenses, stats, in this case, could be rendered meaningless. How can you judge two players who play in completely different offensive systems? It would be akin to comparing a linebacker to a running back. It's hard to do.

While the easy inclination is to give the upper hand to Rodgers, more digging must be done. Roethlisberger has the better playoff success. He has two Super Bowls

and has only been in the league since 2004. He also owns the most comeback wins, 19, and the most game winning drives, 25, through the first seven seasons of his career. His most notable comeback was in Super Bowl XLIII against the Arizona Cardinals, where he completed a game winning touchdown to Santonio Holmes with only 35 seconds left in the game.

Rodgers, this being only his second playoff appearance, does not have a record of come from behind wins. In this battle, Roethlisberger takes the lead, and acknowledging the fact that a great quarterback has to be clutch to be considered truly one of the greats, Roethlisberger has to be in the discussion of one of the best of all time, speaking only on comeback wins and being clutch.

Still, judging quarterbacks cannot be reduced to stats, and since Roethlisberger has had more opportunities to come from behind in games, we cannot hold that against Rodgers. Moving to pure skill, the two are pretty even. Rodgers and Roethlisberger both have very strong arms, with the slight edge to Roethlisberger. Rodgers is much more mobile, perhaps the second most mobile quarterback in the league behind Mike Vick. Rodgers is more adept at running a vertical offense, while Roethlisberger excels at short, play action passing.

For two quarterbacks that are so evenly matched, both in skill and in stats, deciding who is better is a tough challenge. In a perfect world, these two would probably be on equal footing. Still, if forced to decide, the slight edge would go to Roethlisberger, for his skill and his incredibly ability to come back late in games.

While the winner of Sunday's game will not decide who is better (one game rarely does), it will put into focus which one is better in the clutch. With Rodgers getting his first big clutch opportunity, can he shine? Will Roethlisberger continue his clutch ways and win a third Super Bowl? Time will tell. For two evenly matched teams, led by two pretty evenly matched quarterbacks, we should be in for a great Super Bowl.

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An investigation of the Academic Behavior Code

BY JESSICA HARRIS
NEWS EDITOR

Last April, the college's Academic Judicial Board administered a survey (designed by Gary Pavella of Rutgers University) to investigate just how aware faculty and students are about the current Academic Behavior Code (ABC) and in what ways faculty and students honor the Code. The study revealed that although students are learning about the Code at orientation and in their classes, measures must be taken to provide faculty and students with a deeper understanding of the Code and its value to the college community.

The ABC was first implemented during the mid 1980s once the Honor Code, first put in place in the 1950s, proved to be less than effective. Under the Honor Code, students (all men at that time) were responsible for reporting any incidents of cheating, plagiarism, presenting false information, collusion and helping/hindering others to the professor or the Dean. The students, however, were

reluctant to report each other, and the Honor Code failed to instill the ethical values that the college strived to uphold. As part of the ABC, an Academic Judicial Board of both faculty and students was

The ethos of this college is that academic integrity is an important part of our value system and community; therefore, we must commit to it and practice it.

created. Any student who has committed any of the 5 violations (cheating, plagiarism, presenting false information, collusion and helping/hindering others) to the ABC for the first time is required to sit down with the professor who then

reports the incident to Dean Carol-Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life. "It starts with a conversation that is part of a learning process," Dean Wilson stated. Only upon a second violation is the student required to appear in front of the board for a trial (consequences range from a forced withdrawal from the course to a suspension, depending on the severity of the situation).

Discussion about the current Code stemmed from a curiosity about the perceptions of the Code and student/faculty behaviors regarding its implementation. There was also a feeling that instances of violation had been under-reported (the record of violations indicated 40-50 reports a year).

According to the findings of the study administered by the Academic Judicial Board, the overarching issue with the Code seems to be the fact that it is unevenly enforced, making it hard for students to understand its importance. The study revealed that

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2011 Relay for Life kick off

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
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On Wed. Feb. 2, 2011 Colleges against Cancer had their annual Relay

For Life Kick Off in the event space in Seegers Union. The event was kicked off by Freshmen Franni Drachtman and Gabby Aboodi of Colleges against Cancer talking about past relays at Muhlenberg and around the world to encourage students to participate in Muhlenberg's Relay For Life this spring.

During the introduction the audience was informed that the purpose of Relay For Life is to celebrate, remember, and fight back. This is done through a twelve hour event that will be held on campus this spring. Relay For Life takes place around the world in more than twenty-one countries, in six hundred communities, with three point five million participants. In 2009 there

were more than two hundred and twenty Relay For Life events in Pennsylvania alone and more than 19.5 million dollars was raised worldwide to honor more than eighteen thousand survivors.

After the introduction, Freshmen Emily Prawer and Blythe Duckett talked about their personal reasons for participating in Relay For Life. Emily's father was unfortunately diagnosed with a brain tumor when Emily was only seven-years old. Her father fought hard for three years, but sadly he passed away when Emily was only ten-years old. Emily had another experience with cancer when her aunt passed from ovarian cancer last year. Emily participates in Relay For Life to honor her father, aunt, and help those who



Prawer & Duckett spoke at Relay for Life event planned by Drachtman & Aboodi

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You choose the news Technology gives readers the tools to tell their stories

It's no secret that the world of journalism today is drastically changing. The speed of the internet and other new technologies has made newspapers, in many capacities, obsolete as sources of timely information. While the future of the news remains in question, we are confident that adapting the news based on these technologies will keep the world of journalism alive.

The staff at *The Weekly* have started to make our own adaptations by focusing on the growth of *The Weekly* website. Our articles are uploaded on a weekly basis, and readers can look for updates as early as midnight on the Thursday the paper is released. An online newspaper presents a lot of new opportunities that readers, students, faculty, and families alike can take advantage of.

First and foremost, you can subscribe to *The Weekly* online (for free!) and receive email notifications every time we update the site. Students can also check each Thursday's 'Berg Bulletin for the link to *The Weekly*'s web site and a list of our top stories. For the more technologically savvy, the site also has an RSS feed to which readers can subscribe.

In response to an increase in online readership, we are encouraging students to use our website to express their opinions about everything from articles to the Question of the Week. Cast your vote to tell us who you agree with most in response to each week's Life! section question, or send us a lengthy response to an Op/Ed for us to print in our next issue.

The future of journalism places a lot of faith in citizens as reporters, telling their own stories with videos from their iPhones or on-the-street interviews. Here at *The Weekly*, we're placing a lot of faith in our readers. So check us out online, cast your vote, write a response, send us an email. We want to hear from you!

Letter to the Editor

Dear *Weekly* Editor,

Mr. Brotman, your comparison of Egypt and the United States entitled "Our Democracy" in last week's edition of *The Muhlenberg Weekly* proves that a reliance solely on the news for one's political information is commensurate to reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and subsequently expecting to fully understand zoology.

Now, to be fair, I applaud your viewership of CNN—many Americans, and even Muhlenberg students themselves, are unaware of the turmoil in Egypt. But seriously, if I watched Al-Jazeera all day, do you think I would have a solid comprehension of Israeli politics? Of course not! I would also need to know my history, culture, and facts, all of which intertwine to produce an absolute mess, especially in terms of Middle Eastern politics. Last week, in your piece entitled *Our Democracy*, you wrote that "when [Americans] reflect, we do it wisely, but when [Arabs] reflect it means a boiling point, often one with casualties, has been reached." Was the Civil War not a boiling point? The Civil Rights Movement? Yes, America is a successful democracy, but relative to other democracies, such as Egypt, we are old.

We've experienced over 200 years of boiling points even as a democracy. Egypt, on the other hand, which began engaging in democratic reforms in the 1920s, still has a long way to go, assuming that democracy is appropriate for Egypt. Of course, can we even call a government that has banned the Muslim Brotherhood, the staunchest opposition party, a democracy? You also wrote that in America, we are free even to criticize the President, whereas in a place like Egypt, the people are unable to do so and "it is their fault for not engaging in a more civil way of life that reflects the people's values. Egypt and other nations are ignoring that, and no longer can we let that slip by." Mr. Brotman, do you know Egyptian values? Have you lived there and gotten to know the people?

And how dare you decry their civility! It's easy to self-aggrandize our position as Americans; our GDP per capita is a bit more than Egypt's \$2200, and when one has food on the table, it is a bit easier for him to stand on his soapbox and criticize other less-fortunate people for their inhumanity. Yes, that is what you have done here, and you even go one step

*Sometimes,
watching the
news just isn't
enough*

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Do they have the cajones?



ADAM YU
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

The public debt and spending by our federal government is out of control—we've heard this line at least a million times. The rhetoric about the deficit that poured in during this past election cycle was a somewhat promising sign that our elected officials have grasped the scope of the problem. Even after the election, media outlets began running stories on the good work the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, a commission created by President Obama, was doing to remedy the newly

reported record-breaking deficit of \$1.5 trillion. America has reached the tipping point. Not only is the President and his team scrambling to find a solution to get our "fiscal house in order" (another slogan we hear so often), but members of Congress, especially the newly elected Republican majority in the House, are pushing for an end to earmarks and substantial slashes to the federal budget.

Lawmakers in Washington are now faced with deciding on whether or not to raise the debt ceiling of \$14.3 trillion, which is the level of debt the Treasury Department can accumulate that as determined by Congress. Many experts say that without a successful vote to increase the debt ceiling, the possibility of the U.S. government defaulting would become a legitimate concern! This can be simply described as one of the most irresponsible, shocking cases of governmental mismanagement. Could you imagine if you or your parents racked up a personal or a family debt proportional to the debt reached by our federal government? It would be a financial disaster.

In response to these startling developments, the President and Congress have been called to action. The President and members of Congress are floating all sorts of ideas around. Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky has called for massive cuts to the budget that would fall in the range of \$500 billion. President Obama has

pushed for a five year freeze on federal spending which he believes will reduce the debt by \$400 billion over a ten year period, and House Republicans have proposed a number of cuts to this year's budget that would amount to \$32 billion.

The President has recently come out advocating for more spending and investment in areas such as infrastructure improvement, education, and research and development programs in all sectors as another crucial part to reinvigorating the economy and get the country back on track. This is equally important. The solution should not include cuts so drastic that would set us back to spending levels seen thirty years ago. But, politicians are going to have to bite the bullet and agree to more spending restraint than they are used to.

There are four areas that our federal government spends the most money: Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and defense. These four areas eat up the majority of the money spent by Congress. Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security fall under a category of federal spending called non-discretionary or mandatory spending. The levels of spending for these programs, and others like welfare and disability benefits, are not determined by Congress, but by the number of Americans who sign up, qualify, and receive benefits. On the other hand, we tend to be more familiar with discretion-

ary spending which includes the yearly or regularly occurring appropriations bills and spending by the government on defense, infrastructure projects, pet projects, education, and most other common spending.

Most of the cuts aimed at putting a tiny dent in the debt previously mentioned fall under discretionary spending, but in reality, the discretionary spending by Congress accounts for only one-third of all spending by the federal government. Where does the rest of our money go? You guessed it, roughly two-thirds falls under mandatory spending. This might be shocking considering the attention the levels of money going towards the Department of Defense, the various bailouts, or the hundreds of pet projects hidden by members of Congress. These programs are being pumped with a great deal of funding.

If our government is truly committed to attacking the debt, then their plan ought to include cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and the Department of Defense. We haven't heard members of Congress or the President acknowledging these programs as financially burdensome, because doing so would be political suicide. Publicly seeking to decrease the amount of Social Security or Medicare benefits going to elderly voters or cutting back

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The woes and pros of Super Bowl



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We all know what happened with the game: Green Bay won and Pittsburgh was so-so and then there was what many viewers look forward to the most-everything in between: the 3 million dollar commercials, the Star-Spangled Banner, and the half-time show. A disappointment? I would certainly say so. Except for a few drop-dead-funny commercials, Super Bowl XLV proved to be more about how many slices you can eat and wings you can suck down than any media entertainment provided.

The Star-Spangled Banner

Christina Aguilera, five-time Grammy winner, messed up the lyrics this past Sunday while belting out the Star-Spangled Banner. Though her voice reached new heights in performance, her lyric malfunction made headlines and earned her more media attention than she had

probably hoped for. Though her lyrical mistake may seem one seldom made, a recent poll shows that 66% of Americans actually do not know the lyrics of the Star-Spangled Banner. Christina is also not the first high-profile American artist to butcher the lyrics. Other singers including Aerosmith, Steven Tyler, Macy Gray, and Keri Hilson have as well. Yet even with these high-power past performance woes, critics are not going easy on Christina. According to Ken Frydman of image consultant Source Communications, "The social media is going crazy because of some flaw, and the media is blowing it out of proportion. She's nervous. She's singing the national anthem in front of a huge audience. People should give her a pass." If flubbing the words were not embarrassing enough, finding out that she did so in front of a world record 111 million people is probably not helping cure her stage fright.

Half-Time Show

The Super Bowl producers have spent the past few years trying to avoid another 'malfunction' like the notorious Janet 'n' Justin one. But in doing so they have managed to ruin everything a half-time show should be: entertaining.

It would be more exciting to see additional 3 million dollar commercials for the entirety of the half-time rather than a worse-than-expected performance like that of The Black Eyed Peas. Let's rewind and take a look at the past shows post Janet 'n' Justin: 2011 Black Eyed Peas & a 30 second Usher appearance, 2010 The Who, 2009 Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, 2008 Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, 2007 Prince, 2006 The Rolling Stones, and 2005 Paul McCartney. Though this year's show was a

step closer to modernity and a valiant effort to try and edge back to pre-malfunction performances, the Black Eyed Peas' less than spectacular display has merely added the list of worst half-time shows to date. Family Guy creator, Seth MacFarlane actually tweeted, "This Super Bowl halftime event looks like the talent show from *Revenge of the Nerds*... and suddenly it's the Carousel from *Logan's Run*." The Black Eyed Peas have certainly proven that their voices on record do not match those in real life. But additionally, what went through the producers' minds when they decided on the Tron-like costumes? The transformers singing and attempting to dance on stage made for quite a comic routine when paired with the robots that surrounded them.

The only ray of light was when Usher made his brief appearance, showing the Black Eyed Peas what hitting the right notes actually sounds like. Dear NFL Half Time producers, next time please use your heads and do a little research before hiring a group that has never sounded good live. Take some notes from the producers of *Glee*; their half time show beat out the Super Bowl's by a long run.

The Commercials

There are always those commercials that make you fall on the ground laughing and have you running to the nearest laptop to watch them again on YouTube; while others top the 'worst of the game'

list and make you go grab another slice. The most memorable commercials can be disputed, but there are a few that have been collectively decided as the best of show. Always leading the pack are commercials produced by Pepsi, E-Trade, and Doritos. High-power celebrities like Justin Bieber, Ozzy Osbourne, Kim Kardashian, and Faith Hill snuck their way in to the top commercials, while heavy-hitters like Volkswagen and Coca-Cola used pure wit to make their viewers laugh. Spike TV rated the 'Bud Light-Hack Job' commercial as their #1 and the 'Doritos- Pug Attack' as the runner-up.

According to Brand Bowl 2011, who ranks the Super Bowl commercials according to number of tweets, ranked the top five commercials as being the following:

1. Chrysler, 2. Doritos, 3. Volkswagen, 4. Pepsi Max, 5. Best Buy.

Though the top commercials seem to be mutually agreed upon, there didn't seem to be as many great ones as there did in 2010. Robert Thompson, founder of the Bleier Center of Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University explains, "It's not that the ads were failures, just a tad tired... Monkeys parking cars and dogs hosting a party- those things were funny back in the '80s, but they need a little updating today." Regardless of those that did not meet expectations, the commercials that did had 111 million viewers glued into their television screens in pure enjoyment.

Abroad: not so far from home

BY RACHEL JAKUBOWITZ
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Sophomore year of college means something different for every student. For some students, the year includes looking into joining a fraternity or sorority, becoming an executive board member of a club or organization, or getting used to living in a new dorm. For many students on the Muhlenberg campus, sophomore year also means making the decision of if, when, and where he or she will study abroad. For me, this was a difficult decision. A double major in Media and Communication and Spanish, I had to decide if I was going to go away for an entire year, choose only one program, or not go at all. It was also hard because I am very active on campus. Working as a Resident Advisor, an Admissions Tour Guide, and being involved in a million other things, I didn't know if I wanted to take any time away from the campus I only get to enjoy for four years. However, all of this anxiety subsided when I learned about the Lutheran College Washington Semester program, in Washington D.C. What is the Lutheran College Washington Semester you ask? Well, this is a question I have had to answer many times to friends, family, and members our own Muhlenberg community. The Lutheran College Washington Semester is a study abroad program in the fall and spring semesters, where students live, intern, and take classes in our nation's capital. A consortium program made up of 13 Lutheran colleges and universities brings students from all around the country to experience what it's like to have practical work experience, live in a big city, and meet students from all around the country. Everything about the program is like a "one-stop shop," you get everything you need, including college credit.

LCWS students live and take classes right on the grounds of a beautiful apartment complex in Rosslyn, Arlington, Virginia. Classes range from photojournalism and public relations seminars, to political science courses about the Supreme Court and the values of the United States justice system. Along with classes, students are able to look for, and secure an internship with the direction of a caring, hard-working internship coordinator who has been through the program. Students literally can apply to any

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Aesthetics of "Big Wood"

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For those of us who remember Garden Room, the new main eatery on campus, The Wood Dining Commons — coined by many in the know as "Big Wood" — presents a larger eating space than last year's dining hall, a wider selection of foodstuffs, and even a kosher kitchen for students who hold the laws of Jewish kashrut as part of their personal doctrine. Comprising two floors of area seating, Big Wood also triumphs over the old Garden Room visually. Often mentioned to look like the great hall of Hogwarts, the dining hall seems more like a royal palace than a college café; the high pillars, large hanging lanterns and long windows give every student the feeling of royalty. Truly, it is a much more comfortable atmosphere for eating than the cramped space the students used last year and for years before.

And yet, not everything has changed. The College renewed its contract with Sodexo last year at the very same time our new dining commons was under construction. As such, the same workers as last year now staff the new and improved eating stations like, El Burro and Mule Express as well as the new dining hall, itself, and its smaller substations. Generally, we students have undergone the transition easily, newly armed with brand new meal plans; we've learned to accommodate and even enjoy our daily visits to Big Wood.

Then again, this image, is a matter of aesthetics. While the Wood Dining Commons seems to always be bustling with activity, students may not readily have any-

where else to go. With the new meal plans that were implemented last year, students are now required to buy certain "membership" deals based on where they live on campus. Probably, it is a way of the college making sure that its students don't starve. But at the same time, the new emphasis on blocks and the scarce allocation of dining dollars has forced us to do the majority of our eating at Mule Express or Big Wood. Meanwhile, all the other great spots Dining Services loves to plug — GQ, Sandella's, Freshens — where food is made specialized and by a staff member you can communicate with, continue to be testaments to the campus' variety of dining establishments.

Can you afford to eat regularly in any of these places? I sure can't. Last semester I ran out of dining dollars within three months and that was only from eating at these separate places sparingly. Truth is, these other places are far less popular than last year. Instead, students find themselves financially restricted to Big Wood — and Big Wood "variety." But it's all right — with one easy swipe we are released into a world of endless cultural cuisine and high glamorous seating. A world where garbage does not exist, where empty trays of mashed potatoes magically replenish themselves. A world where people of all dietary habits and needs can come to eat. Truly it is a flawless, beloved dining room — its brilliance made evident by the fact that so many students swarm its halls each and everyday. And yet, this too seems only to be a matter of aesthetics.

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internship as long as he or she fills out the necessary paperwork and takes the initiative. For example, students this spring are working all over D.C.; for Congressional offices, major news networks, and non-profit organizations, just to name a few. The opportunity to have a full-time internship as well as the ability to experience a daily commute and balance a two-class course load is very valuable.

On top of living in the nation's capital, interning four days a week, and taking two classes, students live in fully furnished, magnificent penthouse apartments, complete with kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and bathrooms, with all of the amenities a college student could ask for. I don't know anyone who would prefer their college dorm over these lavish apartments over-looking Arlington, Virginia, or in some cases,

the Washington monument.

I would never discourage students from studying outside the United States because I was able to travel to Seville, Spain this past summer to take classes in Spanish and see most of the country. Immersion in another country is invaluable. However, for students not wishing to study a foreign language, or those who don't want to go too far from home, the D.C. program is a unique advantage, especially being in the nation's capitol. I know that after this semester, I will come back to the College with a world of experience and exposure to how our country runs and all it has to offer. I will finish college with the determination to begin my profession and make a contribution to the world using what I have learned especially during the Lutheran College Washington Semester program.

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further by arguing that "we can no longer let [this uncivil way of life] slip by." Fine, why don't we fly you over to Egypt, Tunisia, and all these other lesser countries, and you can show the people how to live more civilly. I'm sure the Muslim Brotherhood—a very valued group in the Arab world, as a matter of fact—would receive you warmly. Sure, some of these nations could make improvements, just as we can in America, but keep in

mind that what is good for America may not be good for others. It's just a thought, but between the West and the Middle East, perhaps some slight differences, maybe in religion, geography, and history, to name a few, preclude the comparison you have attempted to make.

Sincerely,
Ethan Simon '11

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on benefits towards medical payments for the underprivileged under Medicaid would not turn out so nicely come the next election. Making cuts in the massive defense budget would not bode well with any American either and placing support behind any plan to cut a dime from our military has become rule number one in the guidebook to running for office.

Despite the risk, we need and deserve elected representatives that will be willing to put their political careers in jeopardy in order to avoid a disaster that would have far reaching effects across the country. The spending habits that our federal government has become used to are not sustainable. It is sad to see the constant focus on re-election taking precedence over the interest of the people. This will not work and must not continue.

There have been several proposals to reform these entitlement programs. Making changes to better manage and reduce the amount of money currently spent on them has to be part of the solution. Some solutions may seem politically unappealing, but they could have the best long term impact. Former Senator Alan

Simpson, the co-chair of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, has suggested raising the retirement age to 68 by 2050 in order to alter the structure of Social Security and allow it to keep afloat. Sen. Simpson noted that the commission found the Dept. of Defense does not even know how many contractors it employs. The commission found it to lie somewhere between 250,000 to one million contractors receiving public funding. He also made a sound point in cutting 250,000 contractors from receiving funding from the federal government. There are probably even more examples of irresponsible and unnecessary spending going on with defense spending. I read several startling developments regarding Medicaid. Medicaid has become a major financial problem for state governments to administer and fund. Some states have tried to make changes in the eligibility requirements in order to slightly reduce the cost by taking some people off of Medicaid, but they have been met with opposition from the federal government. So as a result, states are going to comply and keep the level of beneficiaries the same or higher, but they are doing the only thing possible,

cutting dental and eye care benefits, cutting payments for prescription drugs for the underprivileged, and are seeking to reduce reimbursement rates for health care providers who run "Medicaid" practices.

It is not enough to make a valiant effort to tackle spending within areas that account for a small fraction of federal spending. Entitlement spending must be decreased.

Some say that all of this discussion about spending cuts will only hurt the economy and the American people. Many have described these proposed cuts as "draconian." I ask those people what their next best approach would be. These cuts have become a necessity. The very politicians who took part in accruing billions of dollars of debt with earmarks and irresponsible spending are now complaining about generalized cuts within a whole range of government programs and agencies. Our lawmakers have to realize the problem that they have dumped on the laps of the American people. It's time for all of them, Republicans and Democrats, to fix the problem. It's time for politicians in Washington to remove themselves from the fantasy world they live in.



Write an Op/Ed.

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Eating ethically in our Kosher restaurant

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Growing up Jewish in Dallas, TX meant that kosher food wasn't readily available everywhere you went. This is similar in Allentown – you have to look in order to find Kosher options. Now it is really encouraging, however, to see that we have real kosher food options at Muhlenberg, not just the frozen kosher hotdogs, but an actual dining plan that has already started attracting more Jewish students to the College. And how many other small liberal arts colleges can boast a state of the art Kosher dining option! But Kosher has to be about more than just what we eat. Kosher means that processes are done correctly and most importantly ethically.

According to *In These Times*, an independent national magazine, kosher food is about to get an ethical face-lift where Jews will have a choice about what type of Kosher to support. Certainly, the traditional certifications will still exist, but some will now partner with the new Magen Tzedek. According to the Magen Tzedek website, "Products carrying the Magen Tzedek seal reflect the highest standard on a variety of important issues: employee wages and benefits, health and safety, animal welfare, corporate transparency and environmental impact." This standard sounds like something Jewish students at the College should care about – not just Kosher because of how we were raised, but also Kosher because of what we believe. Kosher for 21st

Century Jews.

Is the food Kosher if it doesn't reflect our Jewish values? Some of us might say yes, but I bet the majority of Jewish students at the College would agree that simply avoiding mixing milk and meat is not as important as knowing that the food reflects our modern Jewish values and this new certification starts that discussion. The College's dining services offer a kosher program – something very few American colleges and universities can claim. As a pioneer on this front, our school recognizes the importance of catering to certain students' dietary restrictions. As such, the opportunity to take a step even further in this progressive movement is at our fingertips. Initiating a discussion in favor of this new Magen Tzedek certification among the schools providing kosher dining would even further legitimize the College's ethical advocacy in our community.

Kosher for the 21st century needs to include 21st century Jewish values. Poverty and the environment are essential pieces of the kosher puzzle, and we can't really call food Kosher unless it includes our current values as well as our traditional ones. Thanks to Muhlenberg for making kosher food a priority on campus, now let's move forward and make sure the kosher food is representative of the values of those of us on campus eating it.

"B" is for Bahrain

BY STEPH SCOTT
OP/ED WRITER

As we all know, there are many countries in the world and some just do not seem to receive the proper press they deserve. Bahrain is currently undergoing a series of progressive movements but also faces a time of strife. One positive event that has occurred this past week is Bahrain's sponsorship of the "Special Needs Support Exhibition."

The purpose of the exhibition was to shed light on the available technologies and recent advances that can aid citizens with special needs. The program also focuses on helping these citizens gain the ability to go into the workforce. This alone is a step towards progress because the country is clearly wealthy enough to consider such alternatives, and there is a greater focus on the individual citizen. Bahrain gained its independence in 1971 and did not begin to grow as a country until 1999 when King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa instituted more economic reform policies - a mere 11 years ago.

The social aspect of these reform policies was recently scored in the shape of a new sewage treatment plant for Bahrain. South Korea Samsung and Abu Dhabi

invest will work together to build this plant for Bahrain after signing a contract with Samsung. The details behind this new plant are vague, but it is intended to process 100,000 cubic meters a day and will be completely done within two and a half years. About 90% of Bahrain is urban, so having this new sewage plant will allow the cities to have more efficient waste disposal, and thus provide a healthier living conditions.

However, not all is well in Bahrain. A recent protestation against the government has begun in response to the uprising in Egypt. To prevent violence, bans have been placed on the internet to avoid and discourage these uprisings; one such site is Facebook. The Bahrain Center for Human Rights has been protesting the government about the ban on Facebook but there has not been progress to change the current status. To try to calm the public, the government decided to raise food subsidies. Bahrain is currently under a constitutional monarchy, and at this point in history, it seems that it might be necessary for the government to have as much control over the country as it does now in order to avoid hysteria. Every country faces a strong government at times, and when a crisis occurs in a nearby country, it is up to its country's leaders to wait out the storm and keep all its citizens safe.

What's New

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Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 11.5 oz (328g)

Amount per serving		% Daily Value
Calories 250	Calories from Fat 90	
Total Fat 10g		15%
Saturated Fat 1.5g		8%
Trans Fat 0		
Cholesterol 35mg		12%
Sodium 540mg		22%
Total Carbohydrates 27g		9%
Dietary Fiber 6g		22%
Sugars 13g		
Protein 17g		
Vitamin A 210%	Vitamin C 100%	
Calcium 7%	Iron 11%	

* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Human Chicken Stir Fry
Chicken, Broccoli and Mushrooms Stir-Fried in a Cantonese Sauce

Contains fish, shellfish, wheat, soy beans, gluten

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have been affected with cancer stay strong.

Blythe shared her personal experience with cancer as well. Blythe's mom and aunt both fought against breast cancer and are now survivors.

Unfortunately, Blythe's grandmother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at the age of sixty-three and was only able to fight against the cancer for three months before passing away. It took a lot of courage for Emily and Blythe to share their stories, but they both spoke with great poise.

Following Emily and Blythe's stories, everyone in the audience was asked to close their eyes. Then, everyone was asked to stand as someone they know who has been affected by cancer was said- mother, father, grandmother, etc. By the end almost everyone in the room was standing. This was a powerful display of how almost everyone has been affected by cancer in some form.

The event concluded with the showing of two videos. The first video started with different groups of students singing "Happy Birthday" to everyone and then showing pictures of people who students are relaying for. Students sang "Happy Birthday" because of the campaign started by the American Cancer Association to honor the eleven million cancer survivors and provide hope to those fighting cancer.

Relay for Life will be Saturday April 17, 2011 and everyone can register at www.relayforlife.org/muhlenberg.edu



Student handprints show support

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difficulties with the code has been trying to figure out how to put it in place

across the different disciplines. It is easier to enforce the Code in a Political Science class, for instance, where students sign the ABC on papers they turn in, than in a sculpture class where students turn in their art work.

The study also suggested that students, and even faculty, might not be as aware of the specifics of the Code as previously thought. "Many of us only discuss a few of the violations (plagiarism or cheating) but fail to discuss or enforce all 5 types of violations," said Dr. Deegan, Chair of the Academic Judicial

Board and Associate Professor of Political Science.

The Academic Judicial Board is working to spread the word about academic integrity through encouraging coaches, Head RAs, student government, Greek communities and other organizations on campus to have a discussion about the Code and the specific qualifications of the 5 violations.

"We want to emphasize the positive value to the Code. Yes, there are ramifications, but we want people to know why adhering to the code is so important, and that only through faculty-student collaboration can we best achieve academic integrity," said Deegan.

As of next fall, the name "Academic Behavior Code" will be changed to the "Academic Integrity Code".

"Behavior focuses on what people do but not on what people value," commented Dean Wilson, "we feel that the Academic Integrity Code more accurately embodies the spirit of our campus in promoting ethics".

The Academic Judicial Board study report in its entirety can be found online at:

<http://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/aboutus/dean-academic/integrity>, which was designed for the entire community's review to illuminate findings for both students and faculty.

"The ethos of this college is that academic integrity is an important part of our value system and community," stated Dean Wilson, "therefore, we must commit to it and practice it."

ATTENTION SENIORS AND FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!

KEEP YOUR EYES OUT

E-mail from Dean Chris Hooker-Haring:

Five chances to win

\$100



This year, Muhlenberg will participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). On February 8th you will receive an e-mail invitation from Dean Chris Hooker-Haring describing this short survey.

Every student who completes a survey will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize of \$100, and 5 winners are chosen. I encourage you to participate in the NSSE survey as the results will be used to improve undergraduate education at Muhlenberg.

If you have any questions about the project on this campus or our interest in using the results, please contact Nicole Hammel, Director of Institutional Research & Records at (484) 664-3190 or at hammel@muhlenberg.edu.

College announces tenure recipients

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
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On Jan. 31, the College announced that the Board of Trustees has awarded tenure to six faculty members. After completing the six-year tenure track program and review by the Faculty Evaluation Committee, the

following members of the College faculty have received tenure and promotions to associate professors in their prospective departments.

Dr. Keri Colabroy, a tenure recipient in the chemistry department, earned her B.S. at Messiah College and her M.S. and Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Dr. Steven Coutinho received tenure for his position in the philosophy department. He earned his B.A. and M. Phil. at the University of London and his Ph.D. at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Professor Amze Emmons was awarded tenure in the art department. He earned his B.F.A. at Ohio Wesleyan University and his M.F.A. at The University of Iowa. Emmons, who specializes in printmaking, said working with students in the studio is his favorite part of his job here at the College.

Dr. Hartley Lachter received tenure for his position in the religion studies department. He earned his B.A. and M.A. at McGill University and his Ph.D. at New York University.

Dr. Paul McEwan was awarded tenure as a professor in the media and communication department. He earned his B.A. at University of Guelph and his B.Ed. at University of Western Ontario. McEwan also earned his M.A. at Wilfrid Laurier University and his Ph.D. at Northwestern University.

Dr. Jefferson Pooley was awarded tenure for his position as a professor in the media and communication department. He earned his B.A. at Harvard University and his M.A. and Ph.D. at Columbia University. Pooley, who has been teaching at the College for 8 years, completed his dissertation for this Ph.D. during his first years of teaching. Regarding his tenure, Dr. Pooley is nothing short of ecstatic. "It feels like the last step in a very long apprenticeship," he explained.

Dr. Pooley, who has grown quite attached to the Allentown community over the past eight years, values the College's small-class teaching environment and the opportunity to get to know students.

On behalf of *The Weekly*, congratulations to all tenure recipients!

Current World Events: Recent spike in pharmacy robberies

BY LAUREN PAPPACENA
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Pharmacists across the United States are taking cautionary measures to protect their stores given the recent spike in armed robberies. But what's the hot item these robbers have their eyes on? The well known opioid painkiller, OxyContin. Maine especially has been hard hit by these robberies. 21 were committed last year, a huge increase from the seven committed the year before. Some store owners have posted signs which state, "We Do Not Stock OxyContin" to try to dissuade robbers. Others have resorted to installing bulletproof glass, and adding more security cameras. The spike has even caught the attention of the DEA (Drug

Enforcement Administration) who will investigate and prosecute some of the cases which will lead to more jail time for offenders. Currently the minimum sentence is three months of jail time; however in Washington a bill was submitted to increase this sentence to three years. This may be appropriate given how these drug thieves are becoming increasingly desperate, as recently one pharmacist was threatened with a machete and another with a cordless drill. Thankfully, the makers of OxyContin, Purdue Pharma, have taken measures to prevent these violent acts. They now offer police officers free training on how to deal with these pharmacy heists and even teach pharmacists and store owners how to prevent these incidents. Law enforcers are forced to get

creative if they wish to put an end to these crimes. A Rite Aid pharmacist in Maine, when held at gun point, handed the robber several bottles of OxyContin, one containing a small tracking devise. The devise led the police to the suspect's home where he was arrested and taken into custody. Many big name pharmacies such as Rite Aid and CVS have cut back on the amount of the drug they carry at any given day, and some smaller stores have stopped supplying the drug altogether. This could prove problematic in that pharmacists do not want to aid these robbers in their quest for OxyContin, but must have the drug readily available for their paying customers who need it. Needless to say, pharmacists around the country fear what will happen next.

Write for NEWS!!!

New Enthusiastic Writers Sign-Up

E-mail:

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Active Minds Update

BY DANIELLE WAGNER
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Anyone that was on campus last spring might remember the Garden Room windows covered from floor to ceiling with note cards. These cards represented secrets from our very own Muhlenberg students. The event, called Secret's Out!, and the scrapbook that followed, were sponsored and created quite the buzz all over campus! This year, Active Minds is at it again: a note card in their mailbox to anonymously and send it back through year the event is representing both PostSecret and To Write You may have heard of Frank community called PostSecret secrets are displayed with the secret relieves the burden that that secret. Similarly, the same kind of therapeutic encouraging community and those struggling with mental health problems.

Active Minds wants to create the same community feel here at Muhlenberg while promoting mental health awareness. The first step is to check your mailbox! Once you have your note card, share your secret, and send it back. In the middle of March, look for all of the secrets, which will be displayed in Seeger's. If you are interested in helping with the event or attending an Active Minds meeting, feel free to e-mail us at secretaryactiveminds@gmail.com. Stay in touch by following us on Twitter at ActiveMinds_MC or Tumblr at www.bergactivemind.tumblr.com.

We're sending every student a note card so they can anonymously reveal their secret and send it back through campus mail.

by Active Minds, over campus! Minds is at it again: a note card in their depict their secret campus mail. This the ideas behind Love On Her Arms. Warren's online where anonymous hope that releasing a comes with carrying TWLOHA creates environment while raising awareness for

Weekend Weather

Friday



Partly sunny

High: 32
Low: 18

Saturday



Partly sunny
and breezy

High: 36
Low: 22

Sunday



Partly sunny

High: 41
Low: 26


activeminds

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 31 – Found Property – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a found camera. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 31 – Lost Property – Off campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Jan. 31 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, several items were turned in to Campus Safety. The items included a water bottle, calculator, book, two hats, and headphones. It is unknown to whom the items belong to or when the items were turned in. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 31 – Lost Property – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a lost purse.

Feb. 1 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found iPod, several student ID cards, and a credit card. The owners were notified to pick up the items at Campus Safety. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 1 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2241 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, second floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding

due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 2 – Sick Student – In Moyer Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center responded and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 3 – Found Property – At 2309 Turner St. (Rehearsal House), there was a report of found gloves, iPod, and cell phone. The owner was notified and picked up the items.

Feb. 3 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was notified and picked up the item.

Feb. 3 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 3 – Injured Student – In Trexler Pavilion, lower level, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the Health Center.

Feb. 3 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Feb. 3 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Trexler Pavilion circle, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident involving a College vehicle. The vehicle had damage to the rear-view mirror.

Feb. 3 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Feb. 3 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the sorority parking lot, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a Bobcat construction vehicle. No injuries and no damages were reported.

Feb. 3 – Found Property – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a found key to a vehicle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 3 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. No damage was found on the vehicle. There was no further incident.

Feb. 3 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Feb. 4 – Point of Information – At the Campus Safety office, an individual reported damage to a vehicle that was previously reported. There was no further incident.

Feb. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Shankweiler, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded and cited a student for Underage Drinking.

Feb. 4 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of found items including a calculator, iPod, and a student ID card. It is unknown when the items were turned in or whom the calculator and iPod belong to.

Feb. 4 – Injured Student – At 427 N. 23rd St., there was a report of an injured student. The student notified the Health Center.

Feb. 4 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At the Keck House, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 4 – Injured Student – At the Phi Kappa Tau Hillside House, there was a report of an injured student. The student refused medical treatment. There was no further incident.

Feb. 4 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of two found sets of keys. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 4 – Injured Employee – At the football stadium, there was a report of an injured employee.

Feb. 4 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding.

Feb. 4 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost key.

Feb. 5 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 5 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at Campus Safety.

Feb. 5 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost jacket.

Feb. 5 – Injured Employee – On the back drive, there was a report of an injured employee. Allentown EMS responded and transported the individual to the hospital.

Feb. 5 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a College vehicle. Allentown Police Department responded and took a report. No injuries were reported.

Feb. 5 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In East Hall (B Block, second floor), there was a report of an alcohol violation. Upon arrival, several open and empty cans were found in the room. The items were brought

to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 6 – Robbery (Knife or Cutting Instrument) – In compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, the campus community should know that the Department of Campus Safety received a report of an attempted armed robbery. The victim was a student who was not injured. The incident occurred in the area of the 2200 block of Linden Street. The student was approached by four males, identified as two white men and two black men. All of the suspects were in dark clothing with hoods. The suspects approached the student and produced a knife and demanded the student's money and wallet. The suspects pushed the student to the ground and then fled on foot. The suspects did not get any money or the wallet. The suspects fled in an eastward direction. The Allentown Police Department is investigating the incident. If anyone has information, please contact Campus Safety at 484-664-3112.

Feb. 6 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a found wallet. The item was returned to the owner.

Feb. 6 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found backpack. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 6 – Found Property – At 2304 Chew St., there was a report of a found bicycle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 6 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Injuries? Escort? Suspicious activities? Emergency? Report to Campus Safety

Non-Campus Phones

Emergency Phone 484-664-3110

Non-Emergency Phone 484-664-3112

Campus Phones

Emergency Phone 3110 or push the emergency

button on any call box on campus

Non-Emergency Phone 3112

WEEKLY

Life!

"Don't let your life pass you by, weep not for the memories."

-Sarah McLachlan

The Battle of the Chefs: Muhlenberg victorious

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Doors to the Wood Commons were set to open at 4:30 pm on Tues.,

Feb. 8., but the line wove past the Seegers Info Desk by 4:15. The occasion? Battle of the Chefs!

Every year, the College is host to a Lehigh-Valley wide competition of colleges that puts the best chefs from each school in a head-to-head competition for the votes, and stomachs, of the student body. The event never fails to disappoint, with every school putting forth their best dishes, and students piling into the dining hall with high expectations.

This year's competitors included Lehigh University, Moravian College, DeSales University, Mansfield University, and of course, our own Muhlenberg. Although Mansfield extends past the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges, as a school in contract with Sodexo, they were able to enter into the competition.

Chefs' Fairs like our Battle of the Chefs extend beyond our campus. The participating schools each take their turn to host a chefs' fair on their own campus. Last semester, Muhlenberg traveled to the competition at DeSales, and earlier this semester to Lafayette University. Later this semester, the battle will continue at Lehigh and Mansfield. At the end of the year, student votes will be combined across the schools to come up with one, ultimate winner. For the past four years running, Moravian has come out on top.

A strong contender in this year's competition, Moravian, took this year's "tailgating" theme quite seriously with steak, macaroni and cheese, and a funnel cake dessert. Although DeSales Chef John Francisco named Moravian as his strongest competition, a larger majority of the schools believed that Muhlenberg would have a strong, home-field advantage. In comparison to most of the other competing schools, our campus has a larger student population with more votes to cast, which Moravian Chef Chad Licsko and Mansfield Chef Michael Krefski saw as a strong potential threat if most 'Berg students were loyal to their chefs.

The lead chef on the Muhlenberg Team, Oscar Hernandez, participated in Battle



Muhlenberg's menu for The Battle of the Chefs.

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of the Chefs for the first time this year. He expressed that a win would mean a lot to him, especially in our new dining hall.

The Wood Commons was a big hit with all of the chefs involved in Tuesday's battle. As John Pasquarello, of Dining Services, explained, the new dining hall has been an improvement for the chefs just as much as it has been for the students. Chefs were given a lot more space for food preparation, enabling some, like Lehigh and Chef Justin Weis, to customize their sliders for each and every student. With an almost tripled amount of space in comparison to the former Garden Room, it was easier for students to make their way from one school's station to another.

The new dining hall and Dining Services presented other opportunities to students, including a raffled-off reserved table for students who "liked" Muhlenberg Dining Services on Facebook. Kadeem Alston-Roman, '12, was the winner and had a confetti covered table waiting for him and his friends in the Wood Commons. Jesse Breidinger of Dining Services encourages more

students to "like" the page for more updates and events.

After the dining hall closed at 8 pm, votes cast totaled 525, although customer totals for dinner in the Wood Commons that night totaled 1252 people. Votes were posted electronically throughout the night in the dining hall, so students could keep track of who was in the lead.

With 205 votes, Muhlenberg emerged the winner! Our College was followed by Moravian with 161 votes, and then Lehigh, DeSales, and Mansfield. Muhlenberg's menu consisted of slow roasted pork "wings" with Chef Tom Fitzhugh's top secret sauce, cheddar and scallion mashed potatoes with homemade chips and blue cheese dressing, All-American "Kim Chi," or cabbage slaw with buffalo sauce, vegetarian chili rolls with cilantro pesto, and for dessert, rootbeer floats!

A moment of pride for the College, our new dining hall, and Chef Hernandez results in another successful Battle of the Chefs. As first timer Hernandez expressed proudly, "this is our home," and students proved loyal to the new and improved 'Berg Dining Services.

Congratulations to the newly elected Hillel executive board!

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

The Hillel board elections were held on Sun. Feb. 6th in the early afternoon and the results have arrived!

What was most interesting about the elections, besides the various candidates for the titled positions, was the change in bylaws that the Constitution Revision Committee put into place prior to the elections. I was enlightened to the changes in the bylaws from a member of the Constitution Revision Committee, Johnathan B. Landau '12.



New president (fall) Emma Taffett '13.

PHOTO BY MELISSA DEL MAURO

Jon was kind enough to explain that "the committee decided to decrease the amount of people that would normally sit on the Hillel executive board from twenty to approximately seven or eight members."

He continued to say that the committee made this decision because they felt that it would "make the board more efficient and effective in their leadership and programming." Jon also pointed out that the most important change that

the Constitution Revision Committee implemented is that, now that the amount of titled leadership positions have decreased, more people have an opportunity to "step up" and take charge of certain activities or programs.

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Emma Taffett '13 was announced to be President for the fall of 2011 and Michael Binstock '13 is set to be President in the spring of 2012. Sara Benowitz '14 will hold the position of Vice President of Religious and Cultural Life. Matt Sandler '14 will fill the position of Vice President of Finance and Devon Skydell '14 will fill the position of Vice President of Tzedek and Tikkun Olam. Abie Rubin, '12 will hold the position of Vice President of Israel Affairs and Doc Hayman '14 will hold the position of Vice President of Publicity. Finally, Sarah Cohen '13 will fill the position of Recording Secretary for the fall of 2011 and Jena Verlin, '14 is set to fill the position in the spring of 2012.

When asked how it felt to be elected Recording Secretary for the fall, Sarah Cohen '13 said, "I feel honored that I can be a part of, such a strong student-led board, which then supports the largest organization on campus."

The future President for the spring of 2012, Michael Binstock '13 exclaimed, "I am really excited to step up on the Hillel executive board as we move into the new house. I think the new house brings so many new opportunities and I can't wait to lead the board into this new era."

Mazel tov to all the winners and may you fill these positions in good health!

Community Service Opportunities!

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

In the upcoming weeks there will be opportunities to fulfill your community service hours. For instance, you can become active in the Adopt a Grandparent program. If you are interested in

partaking in this program there are three important dates and times of group events. On Feb. 27th at 2 p.m. one can show their support by spending quality time with grandparents at the Phoebe Home and by indulging in Phoebe Home's popcorn machine. Another opportunity to get acquainted with grandparents will take place on Mar. 20th at 1 p.m. where an acappella group will come to the Phoebe Home and perform for the grandparents. Later that night there will be an ice-cream social. On May 1st at 2 p.m., you will have the chance to go on a walk and possibly a picnic with your chosen grandparents around the Rose Garden. If you think that you would be interested in this specific community service opportunity there will be a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 20th at 4 p.m. to discuss in more detail what is going to happen for the first event to see how many people are planning to attend. The meeting will be held at the tables the Light Lounge in Seegers Union. Everyone interested in this program should attend.

The Second Mile is preparing for another year of enjoyable activities through the Friend Program and would like to invite people to become involved in this enriching program. The Friend Program is a recreational and educational program for elementary students ages 5-12. Should you decide to become a part of this program, you will be responsible for leading a small group of children through their day, keeping them safe, engaged and having fun. As a Friend, you are acting as a role model for these youngsters, teaching them good manners and showing them how to interact with both other children and adults. The children that participate in this program are from various families and environments, so it will provide you

with an opportunity to interact with different types of people and allow you to learn how to adapt to different personalities. While this is a volunteer opportunity, the commitment is very reasonable, and it would be more beneficial for the kids if the

volunteer could attend as many events as possible. Everyone loves seeing a friendly and familiar face! There will be 10 events, once every 2-3 weeks throughout the school year. Most of the events if not all will take place in the event space in next to the Light Lounge in Seegers Union. The upcoming events will take place Sun., Feb. 27th from 3-5 p.m., Sun., Mar. 20th 3-5 p.m., Sun., Apr. 10th 3-5 p.m., and Sun., May 1st 3-5 p.m.

Other community service opportunities are available on weekly basis. For example, Casa Guadalupe's Pa'Lante Education Program works with elementary and middle school students from the Allentown School District each week. Anywhere from 50-60 students attend the after-school programs and allow college student volunteers to work with both middle school and elementary school students three days a week. The volunteers help the students with their homework and various other tasks. The major focus academically in past years has been reading, writing, and communication skills.

Another popular volunteer program is Jefferson Arts and Crafts. Volunteers who participate at Jefferson Elementary will facilitate arts and crafts projects once a week with second graders. From making your own play dough to creating books, the arts and crafts program has something for all students to enjoy. Student leaders are always looking for new and creative things to do with the second graders.

There are numerous opportunities and places available for volunteer hours. For more information regarding any of the programs listed above, or for more information about the any other programs one can partake in, please visit the college website and visit the Community Service & Civic Engagement section.



Go out and help your community.

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Foods of the Mediterranean

BY AVNI MITTAL
LIFE WRITER

The Allentown Fairgrounds, more commonly and affectionately known to Muhlenberg students as the Farmers Market, is located on the corner of 17th Street and Chew Street and is open Thurs. 9 am-8 pm, Fri. 8 am-8 pm, and Sat. 8 am-6 pm.

Typically, when people hear about the market, they only think about the local fresh fruits and vegetables sold inside. But what many do not know about are the variety of stands which sell a variety of delectable foods ranging from pizza, Mexican, Southern, and Mediterranean, along with stands which feature baked goods, candies, and different types of snack foods. While they are all great, the restaurant I am going to highlight this week is "Foods of the Mediterranean."

This wonderful eatery is one of my favorite places to dine when I make my trip down to the Farmers Market. Family owned and operated, the restaurant offers over 65 different salads which feature recipes from all over the Mediterranean, along with entrees prepared daily from secret family recipes. They have well priced platters which are only \$9.00 and get you a main dish with two sides. Although

they specialize in vegetarian and vegan platter, main dishes range from a variety of traditional Mediterranean food such as Chicken Kebobs, Gyros, Falafels, Spinach Pies and many more.

The owner, known for being friendly with his customers, lived up to expectations. I even convinced him to give a 10 percent discount to all Muhlenberg Students with ID. So while at the Farmers Market you should definitely check out "Foods of the Mediterranean" which is located at the end of the Market right by the mini grocery store.

The Farmers Market does not just have food, though. Walking around you will come across boutiques which sell flowers and plants, another that is a dollar store, one that serves as a barber shop, and so many types of shops that you would find in a regular shopping mall.

Don't know how to get to the market from the College? Just walk straight on Chew Street past the cemetery and it is on your left.

If any of you go, let me know and tell me what you think! Email me at am244531@muhlenberg.edu.

For more information about the Allentown Fairgrounds Farmers Market, visit www.fairgroundfarmersmkt.com or call 610.432.8425.

"Foods of the Mediterranean" is one of my favorite places to dine when I make my trip down to the Farmer's Market.

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Thurs. Feb. 3

- 1) WMUH Coffee House/Open Mic in the Seegers Lounge from 7 pm-9:30 pm
- 2) Martin Art Gallery Exhibiton: ASYLUM in the Martin Art Gallery from Noon-8 pm
- 3) Master Choreographers in the Empie Theatre from 8 pm-10 pm

Fri. Feb. 4

- 1) Master Choreographers in the Empie Theatre from 8 pm-10 pm
- 2) Martin Art Gallery Exhibiton: ASYLUM in the Martin Art Gallery from Noon-8 pm

3) Student Performers in the Red Door from 9 pm-11:30 pm

- 4) Girls Next Door Valentine's Concert in the Red Door from 11:30 pm-12:30 am

Sat. Feb. 5

- 1) Master Choreographers in the Empie Theatre from 2 pm-4 pm & 8 pm-10 pm
- 2) Martin Art Gallery Exhibiton: ASYLUM in the Martin Art Gallery from Noon-8pm

Sun. Feb. 6

- 1) Zumba in the Life Sports Center Field House from 6:45pm-8pm

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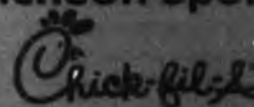
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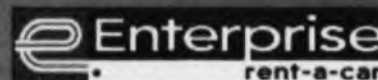
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Diversity Not in a Nutshell

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

A couple of weeks ago, I received a paper that specified some fast facts about the College. These facts included of the average class size, the student to faculty ratio, and the percentage of students living on campus. Statistics like these interested me, but not as much as that of the multicultural life statistic. According to the paper, the total multicultural student population is 9 percent. This number made me realize how little diversity there is on campus. After pondering over the concept, I came to the realization that a statistical number can't measure diversity, also described as "multicultural life".

When I went college searching my senior year of high school, I found myself interested in the diversity on campuses. Some larger universities and public schools had large numbers of international students and campus diversity. When coming to this college, I did notice the lack of diversity.

Upon actually living at the College, I began to realize that my conception was indeed wrong. Diversity may be portrayed as being many different cultures or ethnicities. As I began to meet many different people, I realized that the College admits students from various different states around the country. Whether it be California or New Jersey, every person from a different place brings something unique and new to the college. I always assumed that unless you lived in Alaska, life couldn't be too different. Upon meeting friends from states like Colorado and Florida, I learned that culturally the College is a quite diverse place.

In my dorm hall alone, there are people from all parts of the country. Two friends of mine are from Los Angeles and are often puzzled with some of things we East Coasters do. According to my friends Marlee Noah and Sara Benowitz, fashion here is very different from that of the West coast. They find that people here often wear the same clothes, match labels, and follow trends. While this is entirely a personal opinion and certainly does not represent all Northerners, it shows the differences in cultures. Sometimes when I am in conversation with them, I find them referencing random fast food chains and stores of which I have never heard.

Language is also another cultural difference. Some people on my floor from Boston will pronounce things differently. Often I will hear them say "rum" instead of "room." "Water," "crayon," and "chocolate" are common words that can vary based on the area in which a person lives.

The point I hope to make is that diversity comes in different forms. Too often I believe that people understand diversity as being something only certain people have, if they are from a different country or are of a different nationality or religion. But diversity can consist of people from different states, too. Whether you are from a different part of New Jersey or from California, everyone has something unique to bring to the College.

Next time someone says that the College lacks diversity, think about the different ways diversity can be understood and how much the College really has.

Write for Life!

Are you interested in reviewing movies or restaurants?
Was there a campus event that you saw that you would like to write about?

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- Travis James '14



"Thin Mints."
- Wayne Mitchel '11



"Samoas."
- Cory Hackmyer '11



"Thin Mints."
- Julie Kleim '12 &
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The Roommate

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With Superbowl win, Rodgers finally steps out of Favre's shadow

By JEREMY FUCHS
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

When you think of the Green Bay Packers, you think of a few things: Lambeau Field, Vince Lombardi, Bart Starr and Brett Favre. For years, these are the players, people, and things that defined the Packers organization.

But now, there is a new person on the list.

Following his Super Bowl MVP performance, Aaron Rodgers now has as many Super Bowl wins as his predecessor, Brett Favre. His performance was spectacular. He went 24-39, for 304 yards and three touchdowns, with no interceptions. He did it even after one of his favorite targets, Donald Driver, was lost to injury during the game.

Rodgers, whether he likes it or not, had always been in Favre's shadow. Brett Favre, the legend, was a beloved figure in Green Bay. When selected 24th overall in the 2005 draft, Rodgers was to be the guy who followed Favre.

As we know, Favre lingered on for a few more years, retiring, unretiring, before finally moving onto the Jets and then the Packers. Rodgers, who patiently waited for three years with all the drama, never pouted. Even as trade rumors swirled, including one that would send him to Oakland for Randy Moss, Rodgers took it in stride and waited his turn.

While the Favre drama may have turned off a lot of Packers fans to #4, Rodgers' performance made them forget about their former hero for just a bit, putting up terrific numbers in all three starting seasons.

But, Favre always had one thing that Rodgers did not: a Super Bowl victory. After not making the playoffs in 2008, the Packers were one and done in 2009. Even before he made it to the Super Bowl, Rodgers became the first quarterback in

history to throw for 10 touchdowns in his first three playoff games.

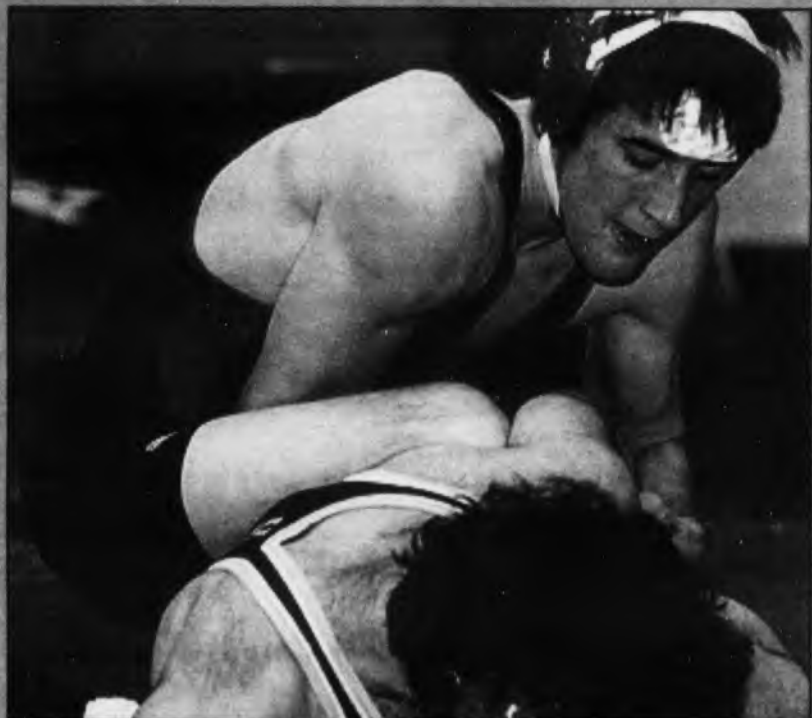
With a Super Bowl MVP under his belt, Rodgers moves into the upper echelon of quarterbacks in the league. Conventional wisdom would rank Tom Brady and Peyton Manning 1 and 1a. Rodgers is competing with Saints quarterback for the number three spot. With his flawless performance in both the regular season and the playoffs, Rodgers may have a firm hold on the third best quarterback in the league.

Rodgers is the anti-Favre. He's not selfish. He doesn't change his mind every other day. He's likable. He doesn't make poor decision on the field or off. Rodgers is humble, well-spoken, and a tremendous quarterback.

In 2005, Rodgers was competing with Alex Smith to be the number one overall pick. Smith went first to the 49ers. He's been awful. Rodgers had to wait until the 24th pick to be selected. How different would the 49ers be if they had made the right decision?

Rodgers is an intelligent QB, with a great arm, very accurate, mobile. He is a great leader, and at only 27, has the chance to lead a few more Super Bowl runs.

Finally making it to the Super Bowl, and putting on a great performance, sealed his legacy. Brett Favre is a great quarterback, a Hall of Famer who, despite his off the field issues, will be remembered as one of the greatest Packers of all time. Rodgers is the Steve Young to Favre's Joe Montana. Young had to wait for Montana to move on and had to win a title to fully emerge from his shadow. Rodgers is no longer in Favre's shadow, he is a part of the rich history of the Packers. And, right now, he is the face of it.



Clockwise from top: Junior Patrick Gibson wrestling at the 165lb weight class; Junior Sprinter Peter Rice; Sophomore Isaiah Vaughn runs the 200 meters; Sophomore Lexie Daniells leads the 4 x 400 relay; Senior Mike Slevin competes at 133lb.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES

February 1 - February 8

Women's Basketball (15-5, 11-4)

Feb 2: @ Swarthmore
W 76-63

Feb 6: @ Franklin & Marshall
W 71-56



Men's Basketball (12-9, 8-6)

Feb. 2: @ Swarthmore
W 67-52

Feb. 6: @ Franklin & Marshall
L 80-73

Indoor Track & Field
DeSchraver Invitational
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Wrestling (0-11, 0-6)

Feb. 5: vs. Washington & Lee
L 24-21

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Wrestling team drops pair during impromptu Centennial Conference tri-match

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Quick wrestling geometry question: When does a quad
become a tri-match? When icy roads prevent one team
from getting to the gym.

That was the case Saturday as the Muhlenberg wrestling team's quad with Ursinus, McDaniel and Washington and Lee was turned into a tri-match when the Green Terror could not make it to Memorial Hall.

In Muhlenberg's opening match, the Mules won three of the five contested bouts but were not able to overcome the bonus points from a pair of Washington and Lee pins as the Generals pulled out a 24-21 win.

Senior Michael Slevin put the Mules out front early with 7-2 decision at 133.

Holding a one-point lead through two periods, Slevin worked an escape and scored a takedown eight seconds into the third to stretch his advantage to 6-2 before he added the riding time point to give the Mules a 3-0 lead.

The Generals responded with a pin at 141 before junior Kevin Homan provided some of the most exciting action of the match at 149.

A quick flurry and scramble saw Homan earn a takedown, get reversed then score a reversal himself, all in the opening minute. The with the scored tied 4-4 after one, Homan rode his opponent for the entire second period to deny the escape and rack up what would prove to be vital riding time.

After giving up two back points early in the final period, Homan worked another reversal to retie the score. He then rode out the bout to earn a 7-6 win via riding time.

Then senior Keith Swanson scored two of his three takedowns in the first period and never relinquished control as he earned a workman-like 8-4 win at 157.

But the Generals earned another pin at 165 to mathematically clinch the match and the two teams traded forfeits the rest of the way.

Muhlenberg dropped its second match of the day, 37-6, to Ursinus.

Swanson picked up the Mules' first win against the Bears with a 4-1 win. He scored four takedowns en route to a 2-0 day.

Junior Patrick Gibson followed Swanson with a 9-4 victory at 165. Gibson was aggressive from the whistle and notched four takedowns to earn his first win since bumping up to 165.

The Wrestling team is looking forward to the Centennial Conference Championship at Washington and Lee which will take place on Sat., Feb. 26.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

February 10 - February 17

Women's Basketball (15-5, 11-4)

Tue. Feb. 8	DICKINSON	7:30
Wed. Feb. 9	@ Bryn Mawr	7:00
Sat. Feb. 12	@McDaniel	1:00
Wed. Feb. 16	HAVERFORD	6:00

Men's Basketball (11-8, 7-5)

Wed. Feb. 9	DICKINSON	7:30
Sat. Feb. 12	@ McDaniel	3:00
Wed. Feb. 16	HAVERFORD	8:00

Indoor Track & Field @Haverford

Wed. Feb. 16

Wrestling (0-9, 0-4)

Fri. Feb. 11	MESSIAH	11:00
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leading Franklin & Marshall College.

The anticipated matchup between the Mules and the Diplomats was first scheduled for Saturday the 5th of February, but due to the inclement weather in the Allentown area the game was postponed until Sunday afternoon. The Mules going into this game were in a four-way tie for second place in the conference. The Diplomats though were in first place with an 11-2 record, and were 22nd in the nation. In the first meeting though, the Mules were able to defeat F&M 71-67 behind Liddic and Curry. This game go did not go in favor of the Mules though.

The Mules were able to jump out to a 10-0 run to start the game, and maintained a lead throughout the majority of the first half with their biggest lead at 15:31 left in the half. The Diplomats though were able to put forth a run to finish the half, as they gained their first lead at the end of the half with a one-point lead. In the second half, the Mules went back and forth with the hosts and cut the Diplomat lead to as close as three points with 20 seconds left in the game. The comeback (down by as much as 10 points late in the second half) was lead by Senior guard Evan Tozer, Liddic, and Hargrove. The Mules though were unable to catch all the way up to F&M, as the final score was 80-73. Liddic lead the Mules with 21 points, and Hargrove had 17 points 12 rebounds and 5 blocks. The 5 blocks by Hargrove added to his Centennial Conference leading 59 blocks for the season.

When Hargrove was asked about his team's recent play and the race to the playoffs he said, "I feel that we have been improving every day, and past four wins have put us in great position to get to the playoffs, but now we have to finish job with the next four biggest games of the season."

The Mules next play on the 9th of February against Dickinson College at Memorial Hall, and then the following Saturday will visit McDaniel College, Dickinson is now alone for second place, while the Mules are still in a four-way tie, but now for third place. McDaniel is involved with that tie, but the Mules have defeated them before and will look to continue their recent success.

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Dickinson on Feb. 8, travel to Bryn Mawr on Feb. 9 and to McDaniel on Feb. 12. They hope to gain enough wins in the remainder of the season to force first place Johns Hopkins to win throughout in order to stay at the top of the Conference. The Centennial Conference playoffs start on Feb. 23, with the Championship being played at Washington College on Feb. 27.

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What makes a winner?

By EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Green Bay Packers are the 2011 Super Bowl champions and rightfully so. This team had high expectations coming into the season, but had a regular season derailed by injuries. 15 players were placed on the injured reserve list -- among them their number one running back, tight end, and inside linebacker. The copious amount of injuries this team suffered would seemingly be an insurmountable obstacle, but it was just another challenge the team overcame. My question is what is so special about the Packers, or more simply what makes them winners?

The answer I believe goes beyond superior players and laudable coaching. It was not at first apparent what set this team apart from the other talented and successful playoff teams, and enabled them to win the Super Bowl, but it became more perceptible in some of the Super Bowl postgame interviews. In successive interviews three players, A.J. Hawk a captain and inside linebacker, Nick Collins the free safety, who also had an interception return for a touchdown in the game, and Aaron Rodgers the quarterback and Super Bowl MVP, all mentioned one common

denominator.

The common denominator was character. All three players praised their teammates for having great character. They said that the teammates enjoy not only playing for each other but also spending time together on and off the field. A pro football team that has players with good character may seem to be an incredibly necessary and an obvious attribute, but it is a rare and scarce commodity not plentiful throughout most teams in the NFL. In an A.J. Hawk postgame interview, Hawk spoke about how his team does not have those one or two guys that can bring an entire locker room down. Anyone who has followed the NFL knows these guys make up a small but influential portion of the NFL landscape, and these players can make the difference between a winning and losing team.

In Nick Collin's interview after the game, Collin alluded to the competitive spirit and unity of the team. He said during practice, the team have additional competitions among themselves which makes for a competitive, but enjoyable atmosphere. Collins also delved into how the players play for one another. When a team has a strong bond and are willing to

put themselves out on the line for one another, that is when a team can perform at the highest level they are capable of.

The epitome of this team first mentality occurred at halftime of the game when the team found out that defensive captain and 11 year veteran Charles Woodson, who had lost a Super Bowl game with the Oakland Raiders eight years ago, would not be able to return to the game. Woodson told his teammates during halftime to play their hearts out for him in the second half and they did.

All of these seemingly little things like wanting to play for the guy next to you and being a commendable teammate that does not cause distractions in the locker room are what made the difference for the Packers. So what does one look for in a winner? Two, time Super Bowl winner and the person whose name is permanently engraved on the Super Bowl, Vince Lombardi said, "Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." If that does not sum up this Green Bay Packers team and a winner, then what does?

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Lady Mules honored throughout week of wins

BY D. E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

After two convincing road victories by double digits, the Lady Mules (15-5, 11-4) look poised to take their talents to the challenges of the postseason. With five more

games until the beginning Centennial Conference playoffs, three of which are being played in Memorial Hall, the team hopes to secure the top seed by winning throughout.

The squad, led by Head Coach Ron Rohn, took on the Swarthmore Garnet on Feb. 2 and came away with the 76-63 victory. Though 'Berg came out on top in the end, the game was a lot closer than the final score indicates. All knotted up at 36 at halftime, the Mules took control of the game in the second half outscoring the Garnet by 13 by the final whistle. The Lady Mules went 24-28 from the free throw line in the game, something that cannot be overlooked in the box score.

Sophomore Alita Zabrecky was the star for the Lady Mules in their visit to Swarthmore, PA. Despite a delay during the first half when the power in the gym went out due the snow storm brewing outside, Zabrecky was able to shoot 70% from the field and go 5-6 at the free throw line on her way to scoring a game high 21 points. For her efforts in both wins, Zabrecky was awarded the Centennial Conference Player of the Week award.

On Feb. 6, the Woman's team traveled to Franklin and Marshall to take on the Diplomats in a contest that was not as close as the Mules' previous game. Jumping out to an early 40-25 first half lead, the Lady Mules cruised through the second half, matching the Dips point for point, and ended the game up by 15. Junior Guard Alexandra Chili had a game high 21 while shooting perfect from the line.

The Woman's Basketball Team will host

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Men's Basketball splits week of games

BY DREW MILLER
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College Men's Basketball team had two contests this previous week against the Garnet of Swarthmore College and the Diplomats from Franklin & Marshall College. The Mules won one and lost the other game, but 'Berg made tremendous strides in their mission towards the Centennial Conference playoffs. The first game from last week was in Swarthmore, PA against the Garnet.

On Wed. Feb. 2, the Mules traveled to Swarthmore College to take on a team they had defeated on Dec. 1 with a one-point victory. In that game, Freshman guard Austin Curry had the game winning shot with just seconds remaining in the game. Also, in that game Junior forward Spencer Liddic and Freshman center Kevin Hargrove contributed key points and were the leading scorers in the first duel between these two teams. This game though had a different feeling from the beginning. This could have been due to the one and a half hour delay due to a power outage on the campus of Swarthmore, but it was also due to the Mules' performance. The score at the end of the first half was tied at 26, but the close score would end up being short lived. The Mules jumped out to an 11 to 0 run in the start of the second half.

The quick offensive and defensive energy in the beginning of the second half was thanks to Liddic, Curry, and Sophomore guard/forward Rob Berish. The biggest lead for the Mules was 67-52 with 6:30 left in the game. The game ended up being a fifteen point

victory for 'Berg with the final score being 67-52. Muhlenberg was led by Liddic with 13 points, Hargrove with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Curry, the game's leading scorer, with 16 points. The next game on the schedule was against the Centennial Conference

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Left to right: Junior Guard Alexandra Chili and Junior Guard Spencer Liddic were named to the Capital One Academic All-District teams.

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Female sports: progress or not?

BY BRIAN BAXTER
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

Historically, males have dominated the sports scene. Sports were perceived as activities that enabled men to let out aggression, to compete, to improve physical fitness, and even to prepare for war. However, since the passage of Title IX in 1972, women's participation in sports has increased dramatically. Title IX states that "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Despite the increase in women's participation in sports, there has not been an increase in their media coverage.

What little coverage is afforded to women often frames them in a stereotypical and negative manner. Recent research shows that women continue to be undervalued and underrepresented in sports coverage, implying that women are marginalized and placed in a subordinate and inferior position to men in the sports world. The message being sent is that women athletes do not matter and are not worth covering. This is one gender stereotype that continues to be perpetuated by the media.

Even though many of us think that sports are solely dominated by male athletes and fans, women make up a large percentage of viewers. According to research (a study by C.A. Tuggle in 1997), women make up more than 40 percent of the viewers for the Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association and the National Football League, which represent the three most popular sports in America. In another study by Tuggle, a 30 day sample of ESPN discovered that ESPN ran 778 stories about men and only 16 about women. This is over a 48 to 1 ratio in favor of the men.

There are likely a number of reasons why female athletics is so underexposed and to blame it all on the media would be misguided. Biological, cultural, and social factors likely contribute to the unpopularity (in comparison to men's sports)

of female sports. With more testosterone and more aggression, it makes sense that men would be more attracted to the competitive and violent nature of sports. Males are socially expected to play sports and there may be a social stigma for a female who wishes to engage in athletics.

A man who does not play sports is often mocked for being feminine while a female who engages in sports is derided for being a "tomboy" or manly. Clearly, sports are often marketed to men not only by the media, but by parents and peers. This is not to say that the media does not play a role in perpetuating these stereotypes, but it is important to be aware of other factors involved. Media outlets like ESPN do not know how increasing coverage of female athletes will impact their ratings, profits, popularity, etc. They do not know because they still have not tried to incorporate women into the "men's club" of sports.

Many males are just not interested in female athletics, but research has shown that women make up a greater audience of sports spectators than many would believe, so presumably there would be a market and an incentive for the networks to cover them. Women in sports have made great progress throughout the years but they still are not taken very seriously by fans and media. Do most women find their athletic skills and talent inferior to men's? Could it be that we are a sex-obsessed society and unless a woman is wearing a bikini we won't pay her any attention?

Many men would scoff at the idea of a female football league but also drool at the idea of the Lingerie Football League. Many guys fear losing to a woman in sports. Is that men do not want to watch female athletes because they know that the women could potentially kick their butts if they ever played against them? Or perhaps many people just find the games uninteresting and not as competitive as male sports. Nevertheless, the question remains: are female athletes underrepresented in the media because they are just unpopular, or are they unpopular because they are underrepresented in the media?

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The Lady Mules beat the Green Terror

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The time has come again for Student Government

ment Presidential elections and this year there is quite a race. The elections will be held on Monday, February 21st in the Seeger's Union Lobby. The polls are open from 8:30 am through 8:00 pm. There are three qualified junior classmen who have decided to run on diverse and interesting platforms. This year the candidates for Student Government President are Frank DeAndrea, Jon Landau, and Taylor Gold. Below are the candidate's platforms, delineating why each would be perfect for the position. Read their platforms and don't forget to come out and vote on the twenty-first.

Frank DeAndrea

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empowered in comparison to many of our peers. Through Student Government and student organizations, students have the power to shape their college and their college experience. I believe it is critical that we continue these strong traditions of student self-governance and campus involvement. At the same

time, I will continue to support the extensive resources that allow Muhlenberg students to choose what they want their college experience to be.

Muhlenberg has extensive resources for students.

However, finding

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C.A.C. to host Relay for Life

By SAMANTHA LANGNER
News Writer

On Sun. Apr. 17 Colleges against Cancer will hold their annual Relay for Life in the Scotty Wood Stadium

on the Marino Field. The purpose of Relay for Life is to celebrate, remember, and help those affected by cancer fight back. To participate in this event people must form teams and fundraise for the American Cancer Society. The College's Relay for Life is a twelve hour event with food, music, and lots of entertainment.

The American Cancer Society describes Relay for Life as: "teams of people who camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length." Relay for Life has occurred around the world in more than 20 countries in 5,000 communities with over 3.5 million participants. In 2009 there were more than 220 Relays for Life in Pennsylvania alone and more than 19.5 million dollars was raised worldwide to honor more than 18,000 survivors.

According to the American Cancer Society, "Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease."

Even though every Relay for Life is different, they all have a few signature events. To celebrate those affected by cancer all

Relays for Life commence with a survivorship lap, where survivors are invited to circle the track together and help them celebrate the victories they have achieved over cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, "The Survivors Lap is an emotional example of how Relay participants are ensuring that more lives are saved each year – like those of each individual on the track. We also recognize and celebrate caregivers at Relay For Life. These individuals give their time, love, and support to friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers who face cancer. At Relay, people understand the frustrations and joys of being a caregiver, since the effects of cancer reach far beyond just the person diagnosed."

Another aspect of Relay for Life is the Luminaria ceremony, where participants remember their loved ones who have had loved ones lost to the disease. According to the American Cancer Society, "Candles are lit inside bags filled with sand, each one bearing the name of a person touched by cancer, and participants often walk a lap in silence. As people take time to remember, those who have walked alongside others battling cancer can grieve and find healing. This is a time that truly highlights the importance of defeating this disease."

The last event that all relays have is the fight back ceremony, where we make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer. The personal commitment may be getting a screening test, quitting smoking, or talking to elected officials about cancer. Everyone can register at

www.relayforlife.org/muhlenberg for the Sat. Apr. 17 Relay.

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Why the Byline?

After our recent encouragement of students to submit their voices and opinions to *The Weekly* in the form of articles, we've found that there is a need to address the possibility of publishing articles by anonymous writers. This is something that we have grappled with for quite some time, as there have been anonymous articles printed in the past.

After much debate, we have decided that we will require a name with all letters and opinionated articles. Our decision comes from the desire to prevent slander both on an individual basis and on the part of *The Weekly* as a whole.

The opinion section of this newspaper is the ideal outlet for expression of ideas and positions on various issues. Those opinions become stronger when they are backed with a name because that way a dialogue can be created and encouraged. Without a name, an opinionated article that is specific to a certain issue is presented to the public as a product of *The Weekly* instead of a particular person's opinion.

The most effective way of conveying an opinion is to give accurate facts coupled with sound opinion. It is our hope that these types of articles will foster conversation around campus and in future issues of *The Weekly*. By requiring a byline, we hope to promote thoughtful, serious conversation that is well researched and that writers can be proud of.

We all call the College our home for four years, so it makes sense that people are passionate about issues and concerns on this campus. This passion doesn't necessarily need to be positive, but respectful enough of our fellow students to take ownership of the opinions that are expressed.

The Weekly's desire to only run articles with bylines should not discourage the aspiring, opinionated journalist from writing. A writer should be proud of his or her work and wish for thoughts and ideas to be credited to him or her. Our purpose is to serve the students, and the only way we can continue to do that is through the students. We are nothing without the input of all those who live in the College community.

Letter to the Editor

Dear *Weekly* Editor,

Many members of the Muhlenberg community asked me about the upcoming Student Body President elections and if I am running. Below is my response to the question why now is not the right time for me.

With strong conviction, I passionately care about Muhlenberg College. Throughout my short year and half on Chew Street, I have been extremely fortunate to play an active and ever increasing role on campus. However, it is very easy to get caught up in one's passions and forget to prioritize what is truly important. I have learned it is extremely plausible to partake in a dozen engagements poorly instead of doing fewer extremely well.

Student Government and service to this college has always been my number one commitment to this institution. With the privilege of serving as Student Body Treasurer and President of the Class of '13, I have met some of the greatest individuals—including students, staff, and faculty—on campus, who have believed in me and inspired me to give my all to where it can be applied. Unfortunately, in the past there have been major hurdles to future successes of both Class Council and Student Government, but the College has responded to and addressed these issues.

The current reconstructing of Class Council and Student Government gives us many reasons for hope in moving forward. With great alacrity and precision, I strongly believe with the strategies and proposals in place, we have many reasons to smile.

Along with the new executive board, the Student Body President-elect will only serve a six-month term concluding at the end of the fall 2011 semester. The transition of a new president and executive board starts April 7. This new executive board will need great energy and determination in creating changes to our current situation.

In such a short term, as with any new term there is the possibility of difficulties in solidifying cohesive relationships and formulating realistic goals. However, the benefit of this transition will get Student Government on calendar year cycle, which has been a priority for quite some time. This change will phase out second semester seniors from Student

Why I'm not running for Student Body President

now

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Obama's budget plan 2012



VALERIE PATRIARCA
OP/ED COLUMNIST

After almost two years of record unemployment, devastating losses in manufacturing, and stock market woes, it seems that the economy is in an upswing. Many economists predict that another recession will occur faster than usual; but for now, things are looking up. In the words of the President, "...the stock market is booming. Corporations are posting record profits. Momentum is building. Yet, in America, we have always had a broader measure of eco-

nomic health."

Like all budget proposals, President Obama's 2012 budget has come under fire since its release earlier this week. Republicans are arguing that the budget cuts are not significant enough to heal our country's deficit, while Democrats are crying out that too much has been taken away. The spending proposed in the 2012 budget will result in a deficit of \$1.1 trillion. Cutting the deficit is reliant on raising taxes in 2013 that Obama had previously promised he would prevent. Republican House Speaker John Boehner said that Obama's 2012 budget proposal will, "destroy jobs by spending too much, taxing too much, and borrowing too much." This is a view shared by many Republicans and several moderate Democrats.

With a focus on repairing recession damages, President Obama explains that difficult decisions were made in carefully deciding on the budget. One of the biggest oppositions to this proposed budget are the cuts to programs geared toward aiding the poor, and additional education programs that will be formed into fewer and seemingly less effective ones. This being said let's take a look at the President's 2012 Budget Proposal, broken down by departments, and perhaps you can form your own opinions. The following are only 5 out of the 24 pro-

grams and departments outlined in the 2012 Budget Proposal. For further information and the remaining departments please visit: budget.gov.

Department of Agriculture:

2012 - \$23.9B; 2011- \$25.7B; 2010 - \$27.0B

The significant decrease in funds signals that agriculture is certainly not on the top of the government's to do list; however, like the President explained in his Letter to Congress, in order to cut the deficit, crucial cuts have to be made, this being one of them.

The money that has been proposed is focused on conserving funds for "High-Priority Ecosystems" like the Wetlands Reserve Program. The funds will help to protect 271, 158 acres of wetlands, while financially providing \$1.4 billion for conservation. Additionally, the money will be used to fund forest restoration programs and forest management efficiency, which is an aspect of the environment that certainly can use more attention. \$6.5 billion will be invested in renewable and clean energy research and towards an industry no longer reliant on fossil fuels.

Department of Commerce:

2012- \$8.9B; 2011 - \$9.0B; 2010- \$14.0B

As you can see the budget has significantly decreased over the past few years. As stated in the Budget Proposal, "This reflects increased funding for the National Institute of Standards and Technology and continued strong support for the promotion of U.S. exports. Reductions are made to lower priority and low-performing programs." Even with this \$5.1 billion cut from 2010 to present, the Department will still have more than enough financial stability to invest in programs essential to our country's growth. For example, the proposed budget will provide \$526 million for the International Trade Administration in order to implement the National Export Initiative. The proposed funds will also be used to support satellite programs and the President's National Ocean Policy along with other similar research programs.

Department of Defense:

2012 - \$553B; 2011 - \$549B; 2010 - \$530B

President Obama's 2012 budget proposes a \$22 billion increase from 2010 for the Department of Defense. The reason for such a significant increase is the necessary investment in national security in the form of cybersecurity, satellites, and nuclear security.

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Life after 'Berg

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
Co Editor-in-Chief

Think about yourself in eighth grade. The transition to high school was almost definitely the first thing on your mind. Come senior year of high school, college was at the forefront for all of us. Think about it, all we really know of our lives right now is being a student. The moment graduation hits, we are thrown into 'the real world,' a place that many of us come to fear and dread, simply because it is something unfamiliar.

Jordan Sones, a member of the class of 2010 visiting campus this week, explained that in his experience, the change was a sudden one, but one that you get used to quickly. Sones is currently employed as a Systems Operations Analysts at Vanguard. In talking with Sones, an alumni and member of the elusive 'real world,' I learned a few things that would be good for a lot of us, especially the seniors, to keep in mind.

Some things we might expect. For those of us anticipating a nine to five job, rush hour traffic on a regular basis really is as annoying as it looks in the movies. But chances are that nine to five job will be much more than the drudgery of "Office Space." Once you become invested in your life after 'Berg, as Sones expressed, you'll find yourself committed to the new workplace lifestyle.

This lifestyle differs from college life, according to Sones, a lot in terms of one's social life. The need to plan hang outs and events is a lot more necessary than on a college campus, where your friends are often across the hall. It's worth planning reunions with your college friends in advance, but as everyone is starting their new lives, a weekend spent mostly catching up on sleep isn't the worst thing in the world.

And as hard as we all try to plan out our futures, chances are, things will change. It really is hard to predict where you're going to end up. New opportunities will arise, things you probably can't predict right now. As scary as that thought may sound right now, let's put a little faith in fate. There are many alumni, like Sones, who can tell us that a newfound passion or job "will come along when you least expect it."

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Government leadership positions, and instead will allow them to be more focused in their postgraduate decision-making. Currently, I am in the process of creating a self-designed second major and my time needs to be spent towards focusing more on my proposal in the hopes of it reaching fruition. Occasionally, like some other students on campus, we forget we are here for academics first. My goal is to have my proposal completed and accepted before the next presidential election in the upcoming fall semester. I will plan to run then.

My responsibilities as Student Body Treasurer will keep me heavily engaged until April 7, but after the installment of the new executive board Student Government will play a smaller role for me. Though, if you still have any questions, issues or concerns with on campus dining, I am still the student to talk to. Best wishes for a strong semester.

Cordially yours,
Adam J. Neufeld '13

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The more controversial aspect of this large sum of funds is the money being invested in nuclear weaponry research; nuclear weapons complex and in delivery technologies. It is my hopes that most of the money allocated for nuclear weapons will be used to prevent the spread of nuclear materials rather than an increase in weapon technologies. On the brighter side, funds will be used to support 9.6 million service members and military families with medical care and financial stability.

Department of Education:

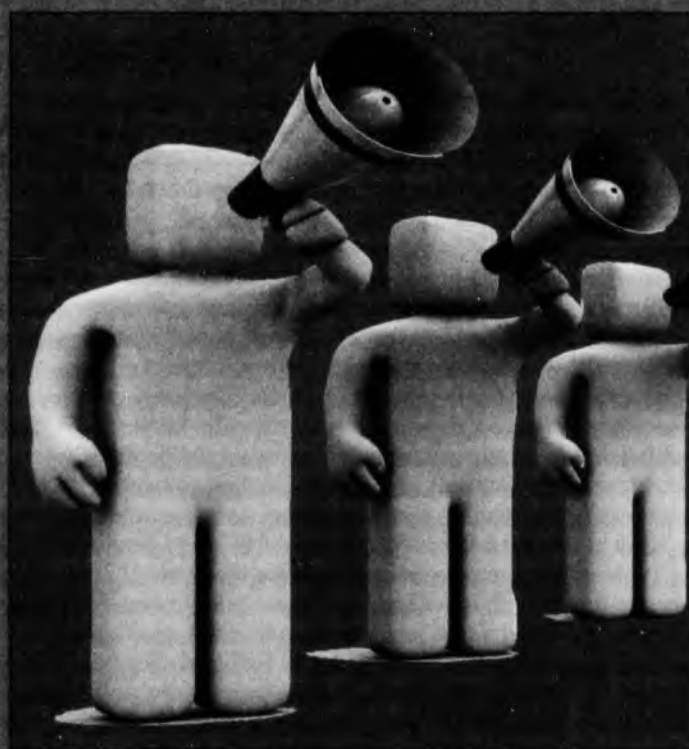
2012 - \$77.4B; 2011 - \$100.9 B; 2010 - \$106.5B

It is evident when looking at the numbers that the budget for education will be taking a significant hit. Falling \$29 billion is not a small feat when education systems all over the country rely so heavily on government funds. For example, the City of Newark's education system is run entirely on government money. Without these finances there is little hope for failing education systems across the nation. Obama's STEM program, which is geared toward preparing 100,000 teachers in mastering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with the goal to thrive in the 21st Century economy will receive a large chunk of the funds; some \$80 million to expand teacher preparation and another \$90 million for new research.

Department of Transportation:

2012 - \$13.4B; 2011 - \$14.0B; 2010 - \$14.7B

\$8 billion of the Department of Transportation's budget will be spent to reach President Obama's goal of creating a high-speed passenger rail system within 25 years. This railway would provide 80% of Americans with convenient access to a rail system. Money will also be spent to modernize transportation infrastructure while creating jobs and supporting long-term growth. The budget also allots \$1.24 billion for the NextGen program, which is an effort to improve efficiency, safety, capacity, and environmental performance of the aviation system.



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out about these resources can be really difficult. Publicizing student services and streamlining websites will go a long way towards increasing access. It is equally important that access to resources be available to all Muhlenberg students. I will promote equal and widespread access to resources. I will strengthen and preserve the tradition of student self-governance. I will expand student input on the creation and provision of new services and programs for students. I will promote a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Transparency:

Maintaining transparency is particularly important to me. If we are to push forward and continue the proud tradition of student ownership and governance at our College, we have to work together. This means that everyone, whether in Student Government or not, needs to know what is going on and how they can help.

I will maintain an open door policy. Anyone is more than welcome to come and ask me questions about the campaign and when in office the same rules will be carried over. Everything that the student government does should be directly linked to the students who make up the first half of the term "student government". The students have a right to know what is going on at their school, and the student government will aim to keep them as informed as possible through new up-to-date means.

For many students, their main source of information about Student Government is the *Muhlenberg Weekly*. Helping *Weekly* reporters and other media representatives gain access to critical information and breaking coverage of Student Government news will help get this information to students. I will create a Media Liaison for the Executive Branch of Student Government to provide the media with accurate, up-to-date, and comprehensive information on Executive Board activities and initiatives.

I will also find new and innovative ways of reaching out to students. One method will be to make information available to student's right where they can access it - in the dorms. I, in partnership with the Residential Advisors and Liaisons, will provide information about key issues and initiatives impacting campus directly to students through outreach in the dorms. This outreach will allow students to see what Student Government is doing and relate it to their own communities on campus.

Academics:

In the past, some professors have been upset that students are using Pick-a-Prof and other web sites to choose classes based only on grade distributions. To combat this problem, students should be given access to the information that really matters: how a professor teaches his/her class, whether the textbook was helpful, etc. All of this information is included in professor evaluations. Giving professors the option to share those evaluations with students will help students better pick classes that fit their learning styles. It will also help professors know that the students in their classes are there because they like what they've read about the professors' styles, not their grade distributions. I will work with the Faculty to investigate ways to provide this information to students so they can make better choices about which classes to take.

Environment:

I aim to help fund and further along the extensive environmental programs that have recently been implemented by the College. Many students have ideas about how they can help and I feel that our school, whether regarding itself as a learning institution or business, should make itself very aware of its environmental impact. I aim to further our advancing in the environmental protection area and foster all ideas of how to improve this area of our Muhlenberg lives.

Qualifications:

I have been a Resident Advisor and currently am a Resident Liaison. I will also be Head Resident next year of Prosser Hall. I was president of my fraternity pledge class. I am the founder and owner of my own labor company. I have excellent communication skills needed to facilitate discussion between administration and the student body.

Most importantly, I am a student and connect well with the other students. I am not only a candidate for student body president but I am running on the agenda for the students and not self-motivated reasons.

Jonathan B. Landau

I am a member of the Class of 2012, majoring in Media/ Communications and minoring in business. I hail from Parsippany, NJ. I want to be your next Student Body President.

I am not running to boost my resume. I am running to serve you and help you, the student body, enjoy your time at Muhlenberg to the fullest extent possible. I have been a part of Student Government since my Freshman year. There are two main things that I want to do with the position and they both have the capability to drastically improve the life of all students here at Muhlenberg:

1: Working on streamlining the funding for all student clubs and organizations. I want to make it easier for clubs/organizations to get money for their programs they want to run. The current finance regulations and funding process is extremely convoluted and hard to understand. If elected, one of my top priorities will be to make this process simpler and more streamlined. I also plan on setting up frameworks to better fund Alternative Break Trips as well as getting more money to the clubs that set get semesterly pre-allocation (MTA, Concert Board, MAC) who have been getting the same amount of money for years. More money to these clubs/organizations means better concerts, better & more frequent activities for the student body and better productions.

2: Make Student Government work better for the everyday student and keep students informed of what we are working on. I would not be surprised if many of you do not know what projects and initiatives Student Government is currently working on. One of the things I want to do is make elected representatives actively seek student opinion on a regular basis, through in person and online surveying as well as great club outreach. Doing this will directly give Student Government the data to propose and back the ideas, initiatives and changes that you, the student body, want to see. Additionally, I want to find new ways to make Student Government super transparent, so that you know exactly what we are doing and what we have accomplished for you.

I am willing to do anything and everything to make our college experiences better here at Muhlenberg.

Taylor Gold

My Top 5 Golden Qualities:

1. Very organized and detail oriented
2. Follows through tasks efficiently and in a timely manner
3. Listens well and presents solutions rather than dwell on problems
4. Learns new skills and procedures with ease
5. Works well with faculty, staff, and alumni

Experience:

I am currently a student representative.

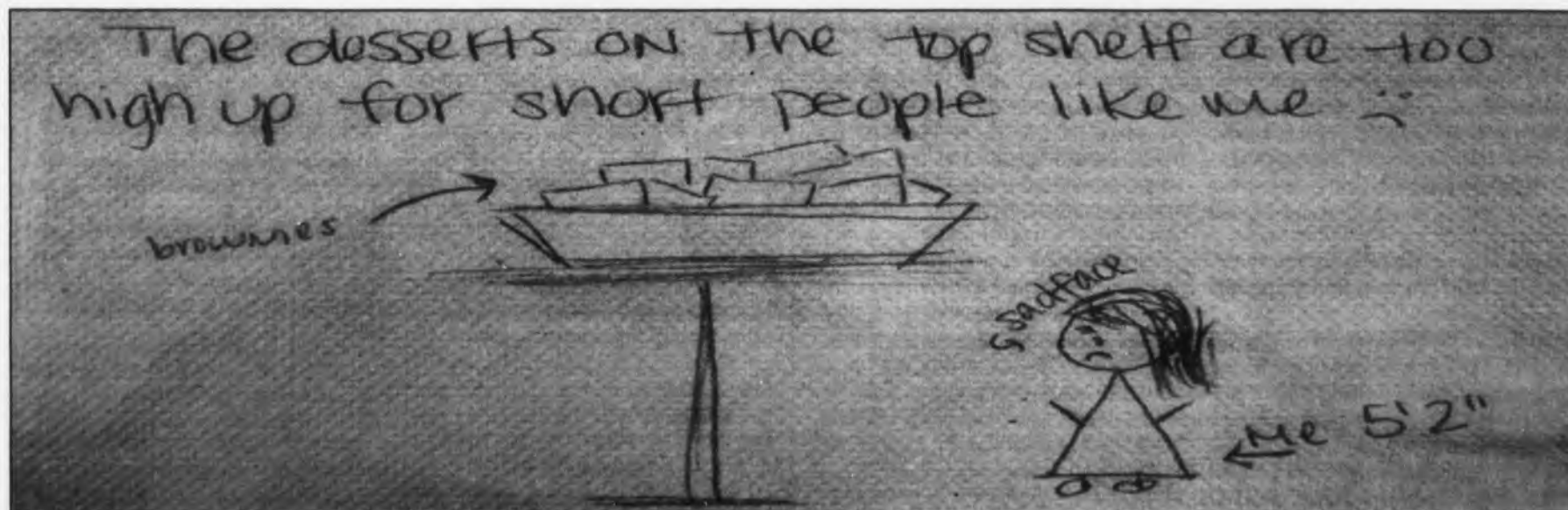
I have never missed a student government meeting.

I regularly attend 2012 council meetings on Sundays.

I sat on the Academic Policy Committee with faculty from 2009 to 2010.

I attended the Student Government Conference at Dickinson College in 2010.

Napkin of the Week



Class of 2011- Last Lecture nominations now open

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Class of 2011, while you may not want to think about your college experience coming to an end, it is time to start thinking about Senior Days and Graduation. Your senior year is only as meaningful as you make it, so here is an opportunity for you to get involved. Nominations are now open for you to suggest a faculty member to deliver the Last Lecture to the Class of 2011.

During Senior Days, a member of the College faculty will give the Last Lecture at the Senior Celebration. The Last Lecture is a chance for the chosen faculty member to offer their thoughts and words of wisdom to the senior class before students embark on their journey beyond Muhlenberg. Past faculty members to deliver the Last Lecture include Professor Charles Anderson (African American Studies and Dance), Dr. Jeremy Teissere (Biology and Neuroscience), Dr. Kate Richmond (Psychology), and Dr. Larry Haas (Philosophy).

"The honor had a greater significance for me that extended beyond the honor of having been selected," said Professor Anderson, last year's Last Lecturer. "It made the Last Lecture a last teachable moment and as a professor, I could not have had a more outstanding reminder of why I teach in general and why I teach at Muhlenberg specifically."

Before winter break, a survey was sent to the senior class to find out possible themes people are interested in having the Last Lecture focus on. Based on the responses, "Endings and Beginnings" and "Major Lifestyle Changes" were the two themes that generated the most interest.

Many participants provided their own suggestions as well. These included ideas about self-awareness/exploration, staying positive, utilizing our Muhlenberg education, as well as allowing the Last Lecturer to decide what to speak about on his or her own.

With these ideas in mind, please use this time to reflect on your Muhlenberg experience and consider the person you most want to hear from. Is there a particular professor who has inspired you, or significantly influenced your intellectual, spiritual, moral, or personal development? Has anyone helped you think deeper, respond to challenges, or ask difficult questions?

"It's rare that we as faculty get to stretch outside of our disciplines, take an honest inventory of our values, and write down some true things to say to a part of our community that is about to leave us," reflected Dr. Teissere, who delivered the 2009 Last Lecture. "It's funny because the opportunity to have these 'big conversations' is a major reason why many of us choose to teach and do research at a place like Muhlenberg. We usually work in isolated ways with small groups of students asking highly specific and contextual questions - but the Last Lecture allows one of us the lucky privilege of standing before the community to reflect on what really matters in moving the 'Great Work of the World' forward."

To nominate a faculty member, please go to the Senior Year Experience website to submit a brief, written explanation as to why you believe he or she is the best person to deliver the Class of 2011 Last Lecture. The deadline to submit nominations is Wed. Feb. 23 at midnight.

To view video highlights from the past three Last Lectures and Senior Celebrations, and to submit your nomination, go to:

www.muhlenberg.edu/main/campuslife/sye/alumni/2011/lastlecture2011.html

The Senior Year Experience coordinates opportunities for students to reflect upon their education in ways that will build lifelong learners, aware of themselves, and the worlds around them. It is the culmination of undergraduate education, inside and outside the classroom, and helps increase student confidence during the transition to the world of work, additional formal education, and citizenship.

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'Berg hosts international traveling exhibition

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Feb. 1-21, the college is hosting the Francke Foundation Traveling Exhibit of German

Heritage in Egner Memorial Chapel (which is open from 8 am to 8 pm Mon.-Sun.). The exhibit, free and open to the public, and cosponsored by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, explores the life of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg was a patriarch of the Lutheran church of America and is widely recognized as the most influential German-American cultural figure in 18th century America. The exhibit is the first of a number of commemorative events to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Henry Muhlenberg's birth, and includes 20 panels, which describe the life of he and his family who had a profound impact in Pennsylvania and the colonies.




The influential Muhlenberg spent 43 years in a vigorous engagement with life in colonial America, actively participating in community affairs throughout the colonies, closely observing all aspects of the world around him, recording his daily activities in precise detail in journals and correspondence to friends in the colonies and Europe.

He officially served as pastor to congregations in Pennsylvania and New York, but even more importantly worked as an advisor to hundreds of small Lutheran settlements scattered across the colonial landscape. He traveled frequently, journeying by horseback, wooden sailboat, and canoe to meet settlers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina and Georgia.

His descriptions of his travels and his work at these locations offer an unparalleled glimpse into the urban and rural landscapes, as well as the concerns of German settlers in 18th century colonial America. The exhibit celebrates the importance of Muhlenberg's legacy to the American colonies and his place as patriarch and pillar of Lutheranism in North America.

For more information about future events and sights, please contact the Chaplain's office at the college--484-664-3120; or visit www.lts.edu/muhlenberg300.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny
High: 59 Low: 35	High: 39 Low: 26	High: 41 Low: 23

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 7 - Sick Student - In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 7 - Suspicious Activity - In the Haas College Center, first floor, there was a report of suspicious activity. An unknown person gained entry to a desk. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 7 - Larceny/Theft - Off campus, there was a report of theft of a computer. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 8 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found Muhlenberg ID card. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Feb. 8 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Feb. 9 - Sick Student - In Moyer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. A Campus

safety officer transported the student to the Health Center.

Feb. 9 - Larceny/Theft - In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of theft of baseball gloves. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 9 - Found Property - On Chew St., there was a report of a found ID card. The owner was notified and will pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The ID card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 10 - Found Property - At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a found iPod. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 10 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Feb. 10 - Motor Vehicle Accident - At the 26th St. and Chew St. parking lot, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. Allentown Police Department responded and the parties exchanged information.

Feb. 10 - Found Property - In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of three sets of keys that were found. It is unknown to whom the keys belong. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.



Feb. 10 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - On Liberty St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown Police arrested a student for Public Drunkenness and Underage Drinking.

Feb. 11 - Suspicious Activity - In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of suspicious activity. Suspects were spoken to and identified. The investigation will continue.

Feb. 11 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost iPod.

Feb. 11 - Injured Student - On campus, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 12 - Found Property

- On the back drive, there was a report of a found purse. It is unknown to whom the purse belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 13 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In Walz Hall, basement, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 13 - Hit and Run - On Liberty St., there was a report of a hit and run. Allentown Police Department responded and will be handling the case. The suspect was identified and the vehicle was towed for further investigation.

Feb. 13 - Sick Employee - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a sick employee. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The employee signed a medical treatment refusal form.

Feb. 13 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Martin Luther Hall, third floor,

there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 13 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The student was identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 13 - Found Property - In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found wallet. When Campus Safety officers responded to the scene, no wallet was found.

Feb. 13 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found ring. It is unknown to whom the ring belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 13 - Injured Student - In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student signed a medical refusal form.

OFF-CAMPUS

Allentown gas explosion kills 5 residents and damages 47 homes

Wed., Feb. 9 at approximately 10:45 pm a fatal natural gas explosion killed five people and destroyed a pair of row houses in addition to setting fire to a block of houses near the intersection of 13th and Allen Streets in downtown Allentown.

The underground gas mains in this area lacked shut off valves making it extremely difficult for utility workers to shut off the gas. It took five hours before workers were finally able to break through ice, asphalt, and concrete and seal the 12 inch main with foam to cut off the flow of gas that was feeding the fire. Dorothy Yanett, 65, a nearby resident said that she was sitting in her living room when she heard a succession of booms and everything started falling and crashing. She said that there was no odor but "it was like all hell broke lose."

In the end, forty seven homes were damaged with eight of them appearing to be a complete loss. In addition, four bodies were immediately recovered - a 4 month old boy, a 16 year old girl, a 69 year old woman, and a 79 year old man - and cadaver dogs started searching right away for the fifth person known

to be dead.

Allentown Fire Chief Robert Scheirer said that the investigation into the explosion is looking at the 12 inch main as well as service lines that feed gas into nearby homes and businesses, in addition to potential causes inside the home. Investigators also planned to send cameras through the main to look for cracks and perform air pressure tests on the service lines. As far as other possible causes of the explosion, the likelihood that the freezing weather caused the pipe to rupture is very low. Joe Swope, a spokesman for Reading-based UGI Utilities Inc., said, "In the winter, there's always the concern about the freezing-thawing cycle, but seeing that we just ran the leak survey less than 48 hours before the incident, that doesn't appear to be a cause."

Since the blast, definite progress has been made in the investigation. This past Monday, workers removed a cracked natural gas pipe linked to last week's explosion. The piece removed measured four feet and was examined by a UGI geotechnical engineer. UGI's vice president for gas supply said that the crack went

all the way around the pipe and that when the second half was removed the actual severity of the damage. Later that day, the second half of the pipe was removed. It measured five feet long and revealed that the crack was a clean break, basically straight across with just a slight squiggly effect. After both pieces were removed, they were shipped to an independent laboratory in New Jersey where metallurgists and engineers will look for what went wrong.

In an effort to help victims of the explosion, four fundraising concerts are being organized by Lehigh Valley Music Awards and Women In Art In PA. The concerts have been called Hope For Allentown and the first one will be taking place from 2pm to 8 pm on Feb. 27 at Fairview Fire Company. Hope For Allentown II will be from 2 pm to 8 pm on Mar. 13 at Florence Italian Grille. Admission information has not been released, but organizers said that a box truck will be at all events to collect items needed to help victims rebuild their lives.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

WEEKLY

Life!

"To live remains an art which everyone must learn, and which no one can teach".

- Havelock Ellis

Master Choreographers: A view from the stage

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

This season's production of *Master Choreographers* ran from Feb. 10 to Feb. 12. The concert featured works choreographed by the College's dance faculty and nationally and internationally acclaimed guest artists including Charles O. Anderson, artistic director of the Philadelphia-based dance theatre X; Heidi Cruz-Austin, alumna of the Pennsylvania Ballet; Corrie Franz Cowart, co-artistic director of Co-Art Dance; Nicholas Leichter, director of Nicholas Leichter Dance; Shelly Oliver, director of Shelly Oliver Tap Dancers; Trinette Singleton, protégé of ballet icon Robert Joffrey; and New York-based multidisciplinary performance artist Nicole Wolcott. The evening also featured a live musical performance by the David Leonhardt Jazz Group. Together, these talented professionals created the foundation for a spectacular evening of ballet, contemporary dance, tap and jazz.

We were fortunate enough to interview two star performers from the production in order to get an inside look at the process that led to several successful evenings of art in motion. Chelsea Torrance '13 and Shannon Malia '13 were kind enough to share the skills, tools, and themes involved in their particular piece.

The Muhlenberg Weekly (MW): What piece did you perform in?

Chelsea Torrance (CT) & Shannon Malia (SM): We both performed in Shelly Oliver's tap piece called *Inner Visions*.



The cast of Shelly Oliver's tap piece *Inner Visions*.

PHOTO BY KELSEY GRIFFITH

MW: What is the theme of the piece that you both performed in?

CT & SM: We discovered that there was no specific story behind the piece; however, Shelly worked with ideas involving tension and release within the movements of the dancers.

MW: How many performers were highlighted in this piece?

CT & SM: There were a total of eleven dancers in the piece including Kadeem Alston-Roman '12, Meghan Donahoe '14, Katie Fierro '11, Kelsey Griffith '11, Lynn Lisella '11, Shannon Malia '13, AlexJo Natale '12, Emily Phillips '11, Alex Ripkin '11, Chelsea Torrance '13, Ashley Wofford '14, and the understudy for the piece was Kristen Santos '13.

MW: How many weeks have you been working on this piece?

CT&SM: Auditions were held the first week of fall semester and all of the performers have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of September.

MW: What style of dance was incorporated in your piece?

CT&SM: Our piece was the only tap number in the concert and it was great because we were able to perform with a live band, the David Leonhardt Jazz Group.

MW: What vibes, as dancers, did you both feel from the audience?

CT&SM: This piece was the last to be performed in the production, so by the end of the show the audience had great

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"Dan Ariely."
-Ariel Fogal '11

If you could meet
one person, living or
dead, who would
it be?



"Kurt Vonnegut."
- Josh Cohen '11

What would
YOUR
answer be?



"Joni Mitchell."
- Molly Weinberg '11



"Christina Agostinho- call me."
- Sam Fuhrer '13

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Courtesy of Shari Goldenberg

Fashion tips for the clueless male

By KELLY SANTO
LIFE WRITER

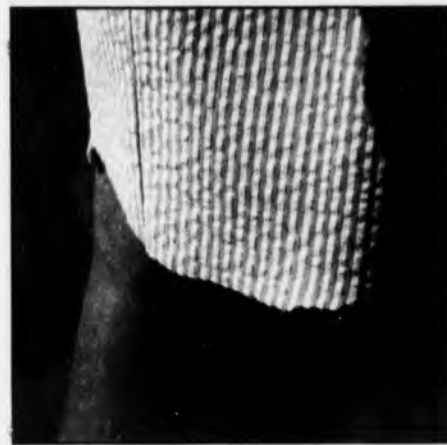
Ladies, get excited. Spring is coming early this year, which means that sun dresses, sandals, jean shorts, and skirts are arriving early too!

Guys, get excited. Spring is coming early this year, which means that long legs, tan skin, and bare shoulders are arriving early too!

Yes, us girls know that most of you boys don't look at what we're wearing; you look at what we're *not* wearing. But news flash! We definitely look at what you guys are wearing and frankly, most of you do not have a clue when it comes to fashion.

But I'm here to help! If you want to start spring off right, follow the basic tips listed below.

First of all, jean shorts were cool circa 1997, but not now. Most stores don't even sell jean shorts for men, so if you're walking around with a pair on, you either haven't grown since third Grade or you accidentally went shopping in your uncle's closet.



Pastel seersucker shorts are hip!

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"... Just say no to croakies when in Pennsylvania. We are not at Vanderbilt and this is not Nantucket."

Second, just say no to croakies when in Pennsylvania. We are not at Vanderbilt and this is not Nantucket. And if you don't know what the hell croakies are, keep it that way.

Third, pastel seersucker shorts are hot.

Fourth, before you wear sandals, make sure your feet are presentable. Believe it or not, girls look at toenails to assess a man's general cleanliness and hygiene habits.

Fifth, with the return of spring comes rain. There is some strange, unspoken rule on the College's campus that guys can't carry umbrellas because it's "uncool." Fine, but an oversized sweatshirt is not a substitute.

Instead, invest in a rain jacket: it will keep you dry and you'll look less ridiculous.

Sixth, ditch the "statement" T-shirts. I am referring to shirts that display brand names, the members of the Simpson family, and those

headache-causing Ed Hardy designs.

Finally, I can't believe I even have to say this, but please do not wear socks with sandals. This awful trend has plagued college campuses for years and Muhlenberg is no exception. If your feet are cold, put on some sneakers and save the sandals for a warmer day!

Some of these tips may seem harsh, but trust me boys, I have your best interests at heart.

I'm not a fashion expert but I've read enough magazines, seen enough television, and witnessed enough fashion atrocities on Academic Row to know that these basic guidelines will put you well on your way to becoming the hottest spring trend.

The New Orleans Situation: Almost 6 years later, it's still there

By ARIELLE KRAMER
LIFE WRITER

This winter marks the fourth year the College has offered Alternative Break trips down to New Orleans, Louisiana. The trip, co-sponsored by student organization RRNOLA (Rebuilding and Restoring New Orleans), sent a group of 11 students and six faculty and staff back to the Dusty Mansion for a week full of building houses, exploring, and learning about the history and the present situation still going on in the Crescent City. Riana Goren '12, current president of RRNOLA, said of why she was initially drawn to apply for the Alternative Break trip; "I was drawn to learning more about what I could do to help after hearing about...the devastation the area suffered in 2005. However, after meeting the people of the St. Bernard Parish, I realized how much we all have to work together to take care of each other. Everyone needs help at some point."

As Goren mentioned, the Alternative Break trips work with the St. Bernard Project, located in St. Bernard Parish, outside of New Orleans proper in Louisiana. The St. Bernard Parish is located just beyond the Lower 9th Ward, one of the most recognizable areas in New Orleans, because this is where the levees famously broke in Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The St. Bernard Project, founded in 2006, has been working in St. Bernard and the surrounding parishes (similar to Northern counties), rebuilding houses and bringing families home.

This year's Alternative Winter Break group worked on two homes: the Mott home and the Perez home. Both families had incredible stories; both families well deserving of the opportunities afforded to them by the St. Bernard Project; both families affected members of the trips in ways that they will never forget. "We were invited to

a dinner served by the Perez family," remembers Rachel Aslaksen '13. "The dinner was an emotional and touching experience that made all of us volunteers not only feel how thankful each person was, but also show how important it is that people continue to go down to New Orleans and continue to help restore some part of these amazing peoples lives." Emily Taffet '14 elaborated "The most moving thing I saw were the videos that the Perez family showed us during the dinner we had with them. The videos showed live footage of people who chose to stay and their experiences, as well as the Perez family and what they went through." These experiences, and others similar to them experienced by past trip members, are ones that will be remembered for years to come.

The most important thing to note is that, almost five and a half years after Hurricane Katrina, there is still so much work to be done. There are still over 200 families living in FEMA trailers, trailers that have been condemned as unsafe time and time again by health officials. The Alternative Break to New Orleans is not simply a trip centered around beignets and Bourbon Street. The work participants do is not only building houses. Rather, trip participants are helping to bring families' home. "If I could tell the campus one thing," said Diane Tamulavage '13, "I would tell them to go and volunteer in New Orleans. It is almost 6 years later and the city still needs our help. We need to donate, volunteer, and further spread the word in order to restore the city."

To learn more about RRNOLA or the St. Bernard Project, please contact Arielle Kramer at ak237166@muhlenberg.edu or Riana Goren at rg237243@muhlenberg.edu.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Feb. 17

- 1) Zumba in the Life Sports Center Field House from 12:10pm-12:40pm
- 2) Challah bread making in the Multicultural Center from 2:30pm-9pm
- 3) 2011-2012 Presidential Assistant Information Session in the Career Center from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Fri. Feb. 18

- 1) Challah sale in the SGU, Upper Lobby from 11am-2pm
- 2) Piano Series: Lise de la Salle in the Empic Theatre from 8pm-10pm
- 3) Free Bowling at the Playdrome Rose Bowl from 11:45pm-3am

Sat. Feb. 19

- 1) Women's Basketball vs. Ursinus in the Memorial Hall/Field House from 2pm-4pm
- 2) Men's Basketball vs. Ursinus in the Memorial Hall/Field House from 4pm-6pm
- 3) Faculty Recital: Margaret Hanegraaf, Soprano in the CA, Recital Hall from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- 4) Free Personalized Scrub Pants in the SGU, Upper Lobby from 9pm-11pm

Sun. Feb. 20

- 1) Zumba in the Life Sports Center Field House from 6:45pm-8pm

FROM MASTER | PAGE 7 anticipation for the final number. Every night we felt that the audience was very involved and invested in our performance because our dance was unique. We observed that the audience became enthralled with our performance from the very beginning. That is, right as the curtain opened we could feel the excitement in the air and it gave us more energy to put into the performance knowing that the audience was thrilled to watch our passion for dance be displayed along the stage. We could really feel the audience responding to the way Shelly built up the excitement in her choreography.

MW: What was your feedback from the audience after your performance?

CT&SM: There was a lot of positive feedback from the audience and we could tell that a lot of people enjoyed it. At the closing of our piece, as we took our bows, we were overwhelmed with excitement and pride because the audience was cheering so loudly.

MW: Do you think dancing in this piece provided you both with great experience?

CT&SM: Yes, it provided us with great experience. We loved being apart of the cast because it was a really fun experience and all of the pieces in *Master Choreographers* were really well done. We were told that the show had a great variety of pieces and styles. The pieces were well received overall by the audiences.

MW: Do you think that this was a memorable piece?

CT&SM: It will be memorable for us because we worked very hard and feel very accomplished, especially now since Shelly's tap piece has been selected for adjudication at American College Dance Festival (ACDF), which will be held here at Muhlenberg during spring break. Other colleges from the region will be bringing their pieces to be judged as well.

MW: Any final comments?

CT&SM: We were happy to be a part of it and excited that it's not over yet.

Besides *Inner Visions*, the production consisted six other pieces from various genres of dance. For example, Charles O. Anderson's *A suite hot mess: Serving it, living it, giving it...Get into it...* was a very up-beat and high energy number. This piece was memorable for its jazzy and funky style of movement. Chelsea Torrance'13 explained the piece was "about performance and how competition dance can get very superficial and fake." In other words, the meaning of this performance is that perhaps the beauty of dance lies in the imperfections rather than precision and over the top movement.

In addition to the two pieces highlighted, the five other dance pieces that were performed in the concert revealed the many different styles and interpretations of the art of dance and showcased the many talents of dancers here at the College.

Master Choreographers was a great way to start the dance season and bodes well for the two productions later in the semester, *Dance Emerge* and the *Informal Dance Concert*.

Write for Life!

Are you interested in reviewing movies or restaurants?
Was there a campus event that you saw that you would like to write about?

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AMC

Weekend Listings



Gnomeo & Juliet

Fri. 2:20, 4:40, 7:10
Sat. 2:20, 4:40, 7:10
Sun. 2:20, 4:40, 7:10

No Strings Attached

Fri. 1:30, 4:20, 7:20
Sat. 1:30, 4:20, 7:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:20

Just Go With It

Fri. 2:00, 4:50, 7:40
Sat. 2:00, 4:50, 7:40
Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:40

The Eagle

Fri. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50
Sat. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50
Sun. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50

Sanctum

Fri. 1:40, 4:10, 7:00
Sat. 1:40, 4:10, 7:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:10, 7:00

The Roommate

Fri. 2:40, 5:10, 8:00
Sat. 2:40, 5:10, 8:00
Sun. 2:40, 5:10, 8:00

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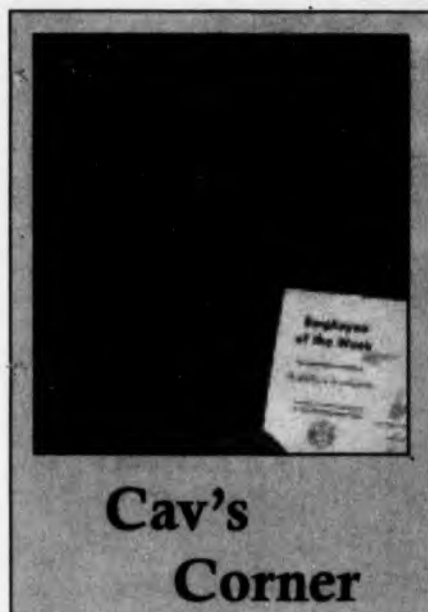


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Communication is key

Communication is part of the equation.

Midway update



Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The intramural basketball season has been running at full speed these past few weeks and teams are really starting to establish their positions. The A League has been super competitive with the top four teams all in the hunt. It seems like any given night any team can show up and get a couple of huge wins. The B league has seen some younger teams emerge. Sophomore Frank Malandruccolo has been quoted saying "There's been a power shift amongst the top teams." We have yet to find out if that's a fact, but at this point it definitely seems like a strong possibility.

The A League is currently headed by Roll Tide at 7-0. Roll Tide has managed to remain undefeated despite facing several injuries throughout the opening few weeks. They have been led by strong play from newcomers Coach Ryan Finch and Junior Alex Kahan. Finch and Kahan have willed the team through some tough games including one double overtime

victory against the second place Coatesville Red Raiders. Roll Tide managed to pull that game out without either one of their big men. Roll Tide is really starting to shape up and when they have their entire team they seem very difficult to beat.

Not far behind Roll Tide are the Coatesville Red Raiders and Kon Tiki. The Red

Raiders were the preseason favorites to win it all and continue to look like a great team. Their only two losses came against Roll Tide and Kon Tiki which could turn out to be a problem once the playoffs come. They may lack the depth it takes to beat some of the better teams but when they are on they are nearly impossible to beat. The presence of Juniors Jake Ramsey and Max Jablonksi together create match up problems for every other team. Kon Tiki was another preseason favorite and are really starting to come into form. They hit a rough patch where they suffered back to back losses but most recently seemed to have figured it out and even blew out a few teams. Senior Matt Cecconi continues to establish himself as one of the best players in the league and everyone seems to believe their fate will be determined by how far he can take them. Everyone expects Junior Cody Antonini to continue to be great but Cecconi's ability to take over games is what will really help Kon Tiki come playoff time.

The B League has seen several younger teams emerge as dominant teams. The league is currently led by Team Fupa who remains undefeated. The team is made up of all Freshmen but so far they have been a force. They have blown out several teams including one of last years' dominant teams: Super Smash Bros. That win really solidified them as a top tier team and it'll be interesting to see if they can keep it up. The Prosser Ball Stars have also stepped up and are towards the top of the league. Another team made up of all freshmen, they have had some great wins including one against the defending champs the Tazerbacks. The Tazerbacks are still very much relevant but have struggled a little bit early on picking up two losses. I'm anticipating both the Super Smash Bros. and the Tazerbacks to get back on track and make playoff runs. However, both will have to start winning more games immediately with the competition being so much tougher this year.

Some other B League teams to watch: The Villains and the Brookie. Both have only one loss on the season and will create match up problems for any team that dares step in their way.



Interested in sports?

Write for the sports section!
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2011



Last Lecture

One of the most memorable events of Senior Week will be the Last Lecture delivered to the Class of 2011 during the Senior Celebration on May 19, 2011.

One faculty member will be invited to deliver this final address. The invitation will be based on nominations submitted online by members of the senior class.

The Last Lecture Committee will read all of the nominations and invite the faculty member who received the most compelling nominations from seniors.



Class of 2011: Nominations are Now Open

Seniors:
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Which **faculty member** has inspired you, or significantly influenced your intellectual, spiritual, moral, or personal development?

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Go to the Senior Year Experience Last Lecture webpage to submit your nomination.

<http://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/campuslife/sye/alumni/2011/lastlecture2011.html>

Deadline to submit nominations: Midnight - Wednesday, February 23

The NHL and discipline

By JEREMY FUCHS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Hockey is a dangerous sport. There is hitting, fighting, and slashing. It can be nasty. The ultimate goal, besides winning, is to be more physical than the other team. If you can do that, you have a good shot at winning.

However, there is a line between being physical and being harmful. Incidents in the past have exposed this. Whether it was Marty McSorley slashing his stick onto the head of Donald Brashear, or Todd Bertuzzi nearly paralyzing Steve Moore, the line between physical and harmful is often crossed.

Despite that line, physicality does not stop. Fighting and hitting is a natural part of a game that is governed by a 'code' that says if you hit our best player, we'll hit yours—harder. There are players that are paid handsomely to just be 'enforcers' and do nothing else.

While these enforcers generally do their thing once a game, occasionally, the entirety of the roster wants to get involved. That's what happened Saturday night.

In a game between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the New York Islanders, two major brawls broke out. The first happened when Islanders player Matt Martin jumped Maxime Talbot from behind and started a fight, that broke out into multiple fights. Later in the game, Islanders player Trevor Gillies ran into Penguins forward Eric Tangradi, a hit that left Tangradi concussed. More fights broke out from that, including a fight between the Islander's Michael Haley and Penguins goalie Brent Johnson.

The result was 346 penalty minutes, 10 ejections, 15 fighting majors, and 20 misconducts, a nine game

suspension for Gillies, and four game suspension for Martin, a 10 game suspension for Penguins forward Eric Godard for leaving the bench during the brawl, and a \$100,000 fine for the Islanders.

Penguins legend and owner Mario Lemieux was not happy with the lack of discipline handed down by the league:

"Hockey is a tough, physical game, and it always should be. But what happened Friday night on Long Island wasn't hockey. It was a travesty," Lemieux said. "It was painful to watch the game I love turn into a sideshow like that." The NHL had a chance to send a clear and strong message that those kinds of actions are unacceptable and embarrassing to the sport. It failed," he said. "We, as a league, must do a better job of protecting the integrity of the game and the safety of our players. We must make it clear that those kinds of actions will not be tolerated and will be met with meaningful disciplinary action. "If the events relating to Friday night reflect the state of the league, I need to rethink whether I want to be a part of it."

Lemieux's pointed statement brings up a key question: Is the NHL being too timid in disciplining players? Are multiple brawls, which are not representative of hockey, being endorsed by the league? Does the league want to create a sort of bad boy image for the league to sell tickets? Where does player safety rank?

Fights are fun to watch, and always get the crowd into it. Same with big hits. But with concussions growing in numbers, how does the league balance popularity with safety? It's a tough dilemma.

While hockey needs to stay true to its roots, it needs to protect its players. Any hit that leaves a player concussed, whether the intention to injure was there or not, should result in an automatic 10 game suspension. Any major brawl should result in 5 game suspensions for all involved. You cannot stop someone from hitting somebody, or from fighting somebody. But, you can stop them from doing it too violently, or doing it in a way that ruins the integrity of the game.

While the NHL wants to expand its fan base, it has to be mindful of its number one asset: The players. Fights and hitting are fun to watch, but they cannot come at the expense of the players that make the league what it is. Discipline standard have to be tightened within the league. Balancing player safety and integrity is more important than trying to attract fans through violence.

Hockey needs to stay true to its roots. That means keeping fighting and hitting. Eliminating those key facets of the game will result in an alienation of the current fan base. But, in order to attract new fans, it needs to emphasize the excitement factor of the game, and the incredible skill of the players. Not the fighting. Violence may sell, but so should the sport itself. Emphasizing the wrong thing will bring in fans who are true fans of the sport.

There's no denying that this is a tough job. But, addressing the discipline issue while keeping player safety and integrity at the highest priorities will make the game better. This will ultimately bring in more fans for a league that was struggling just years ago in the attendance column.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES February 8 - February 15

Women's Basketball (17-5, 14-4)

Feb 8: vs. Dickinson
W 68-52

Feb 9: @Bryn Mawr
cancelled

Feb. 12 @ McDaniel
W 67-42

Men's Basketball (12-11, 8-8)

Feb. 9 vs. Dickinson
L 69-70 OT

Feb. 12: @ McDaniel
L 54-68

Indoor Track & Field Lafayette-Rider Games

(NYC Armory):
no team score

Wrestling (1-14, 0-7)

Feb 9: vs. Yeshiva Centenary (NJ)
W 24-15

Feb. 12 vs. McDaniel @ Ursinus
L 21-33

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why kids love athletes?—Because they screw lingerie models. No that's why we love athletes. Kids love athletes because they follow their dreams." The minor flaw in this maxim is that adults like athletes also because they follow their dreams. Exalting athletes for following their dreams is one that can reach a person at their core, wherein maybe they themselves did not follow their dreams, which many of us don't. Although this is simply conjecture there is definitely a certain appeal to seeing someone follow their dreams and doing something they love, because too often we become impelled by Fortuna or pushed down by the inescapable force of gravity and end up somewhere we don't want to be.

Most athletes seemed to have defied gravity in a sense, with what some call god given talent or by saying they were just born to play basketball, baseball, etc. Although there is certainly some congenital factor in professional athlete's success, the best ones, the ones we so dearly admire are the ones that worked tirelessly and indomitably to achieve their goals. As much as we scoff at players exorbitant salaries it should be noted that most of these players worked exceedingly hard to get to where they are and make a prodigious amount of money because we are the ones who pay copious amounts of money to watch these players in person and then go out and buy their expensive jerseys.

Sports are not only a place of veneration, but a place where we can put our faith and support in a team and scream our hearts out for them to win that sacred and coveted championship. My own elation and excitement when the New York Giants won the Super Bowl is indescribable and for me truly defines why I am such a passionate sports fan, because when they win, I win too! Ask yourself why when we are talking about our favorite teams do we use the word we as if we are actually members of the team ourselves? It's because in a sense we are or at least that's how we feel about it (note to reader: do not use "we" too liberally, remember you're not actually playing for the team). We feel that by giving our support to our team we are helping them win and in very palpable way we are. Whether it is by going to a game and cheering raucously or by asking (more like begging) for our favorite players autographs we give the player's extra motivation to appease the outlandish fans screaming obscenities at opposing players, referees, and oddly at TV's. It also adds to the players own sense of importance and confidence which ideally improves there performance.

In summation, to explain why we watch sports is to delve into the personal connection we have with sports. Sports give us competition, admiration, respect, aspiration, desire, and purpose. The purpose that its adds to our lives can be enriching and gratifying to all. It is something that makes up who we are as people and shows us what we value in people and life. When people say it's just a game, they couldn't be more wrong.

Peter Rice named C.C. Athlete of the Week

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MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

Muhlenberg Junior Peter Rice was named Centennial Conference men's indoor track and field co-athlete of the week.

Rice broke two school records at the Lafayette Rider Games. His time of 49.66 (50.16 converted) is the fastest 400 time in the Centennial Conference this season, and he also set the school record in the 200 with a time of 22.40.

Running the anchor leg in the 4x400 relay, Rice chased down a Moravian runner from behind to give the Mules a fourth-place finish with a time (3:27.57) that ranks fourth on the program's all-time performance list.

Earlier this season, Rice ran the 55 meters in 6.59 seconds, the second-fastest in Muhlenberg history and just one one-hundredth of a second off the top time in the CC this year.

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Men's Basketball look to round up the season on a high note

BY GERARD JOHNSON
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The 'Berg men's basketball team this past week played two key conference games as the season is approaching its end. The Mules played host to the Red Devils of Dickinson College, and then visited McDaniel College for the final scheduled away game in the 2010-2011 season.

The Mules hosted Dickinson on Wednesday and although the game started out slowly, it turned into one of the most exciting games of the Mules season. Unfortunately, the Mules ended up losing to the Red Devils by one point in overtime. The first half though was for the most part led by the Mules, with their biggest lead with just under eight minutes to play left in the first half. Freshman Guard Austin Curry who had multiple three pointers and key assists built the lead, and also Junior Forward Spencer Liddic contributed to the lead with key baskets and key rebounds. By the end of the first half though, Dickinson had made a dent in the lead and took back the lead at the termination of the half. The Mules were down by one point at 30-31 at the break. The 'Berg shot 36% from the field in the first half, and they also shot an impressive 10-11 from the free throw line. In the first half alone, there were nine lead changes. As stated before, the second half and the remainder of the game turned out to be a nail biter to the very end of the game.

The second half started with a big run by Dickinson, as they built a seven-point lead. The Mules though came back as they have done all season long, as they took a four-point lead with 2:41 left in the second half. The game went back in forth for the final two minutes, and as time expired the score was tied at 63 after a difficult shot by Curry fell short at the buzzer. The tie at the end of regulation was the seventh of the game.

The Red Devils in overtime came out with the same type of offensive pressure that they had in the second half as they built a seven-point lead in the extra period. Once again though, the Mules fought back after key baskets from Senior Guard Evan Tozer, Liddic, and Curry. The Mules fell one point short and lost to Dickinson for the second time this season. The leading scorers for the Mules in this contest were Liddic, who had 18 points and 13 rebounds, Curry with 19 points, and Freshman Center Kevin Hargrove also had 16 points and 6 blocks. The Mules then visited McDaniel College to finish their road schedule for the season.

The Mules had previously beaten the Green Terror 80-66 on Jan. 8, behind 27 points to Liddic and 23 points by Hargrove. In the first meeting between these two teams, the Mules dominated in almost every facet of the game. Unfortunately though, the game this past Saturday the Mules were not able to get into any rhythm.

The Mules fell behind by as much as 18 points in the first half against McDaniel, as Muhlenberg shot poorly and could not contain the Green Terror defensive pressure and also McDaniel had taken all of the momentum. The second half did not go in favor for the Mules as well, as they ultimately lost by 14 and dropped to 8-8 in the Centennial Conference and 12-11 for the entire season.

'Berg next play their final two games in the regular season against Haverford College (Wed. Feb. 16) and against Ursinus College (Sat. Feb. 19). Both games are at Memorial Hall, where Muhlenberg is 9-2 for the season. The Mules are currently in a three-way tie for fifth place in the conference, with Ursinus and Haverford (who the Mules play in the next two games). The Mules control their own destiny to make the playoffs, and the common theme for the 'Berg this season has their nature to fight back and improve from game to game.

Lady Mules finish strong; advance to Conference semis

BY D.E. WAYNE
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The Women's Basketball Team is on a roll. After a game was canceled that was set to pit the Mules against Bryn Mawr on Feb. 9, the Mules switched their focus to McDaniel, their Saturday opponent.

The Green Terror came out at the beginning of the game with a lot of vigor, after honoring the five seniors on their roster, but the McDaniel success was short lived. After falling to a 5-0 deficit in the opening minutes, the Mules woke up and began to make the easy shots that their offense created.

"As a team we played really well as unit," said Sophomore Forward Alita Zabrecky, who scored nine points against McDaniel. "We were passing well and finding open shooters. We were able to get out in the open floor and create some easy shots."

'Berg continued to control the game throughout the first half as they built a 13 point lead at the ten minute mark. By halftime, they were up by 18 points.

Muhlenberg reached their largest lead in the second half when they were up by 22 points with twelve minutes left in the game. The Lady Mules coasted the rest of the way to a victory.

Both Senior Guard Kelly McKeon and Junior Guard Alexandra Chili played integral roles for the Mules in their win. They tallied ten points apiece, but more impressive, all of those points came in the first half of the game.

The Mules play next on Sat., Feb. 26 in the Centennial Conference tournament against the Gettysburg Bullets. The championship game will be played Sun, Feb. 27.



Junior Guard Alexandra Chili leads the Mules into the CC playoffs. PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

Why do we watch sports?

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This year's Super Bowl set the record for the most watched television program in the history of the United States, with 111 million people watching the Super Bowl. The previous record holder was last year's Super Bowl game, between the New Orleans Saints and the Indianapolis Colts, at 106.5 million people. Before that the series finale of M.A.S.H. which took place in 1983, was the long time number one at a little under 106 million people. This year's record setting Super Bowl is the icing on top of the cake for the NFL's best year in TV ratings, led by Sunday and Monday night games which garnered some of the best television ratings of the year (also up against non-sports TV events). So what does this tell us about the NFL today? Well for one it has become wildly popular, with a little help from the popularity of ESPN and SportsCenter, YouTube, and social networking sites such as Twitter, where most athletes have accounts that inevitably sparks controversy and attention.

We can painstakingly isolate different external factors that contribute to the popularity of sports in the US today, but to look at it from a personal and individual emotional level can be more ambiguous, yet much more thought-provoking. Also, to look at it from a group perspective and the influence your own friends and family have on your own level of sports interest is not the focal point of this discussion, as my intention is to tersely examine the individual factors that draw people to being sports fans. Although the Super Bowl is an example of a sporting event for the most casual of sports observers, but a good portion of the 111 million who watched the Super Bowl could be considered serious sports fans. So what is so enticing and riveting about watching sports?

First, sports have a universal appeal to all ages, genders, and cultures. Competition is so ingrained in the human spirit that watching such competition is a natural output of our desire for arduous challenges, challenges that we ourselves usually cannot achieve. This crucial point that the things we see on T.V. we cannot do leads to our envy and idolization of those who can. Though this phenomenon differs by ages it is characterized in the movie *Up in the Air*, in a conversation between two adults. "You know

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Why you DON'T want a "job"

Tim Pitts tells students to follow their passions

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Shameless
Self Promotion
founder

Tim Pitts brought some novel ideas to campus this past Thurs., Feb. 17, particularly when he announced to a crowd of college students that they shouldn't want a job.

In response to a collection of nervous laughs, particularly from the listening seniors, Pitts went on to explain that you shouldn't just settle for a job, you should strive for a career where you "don't feel as if [you] go to work, because it's too much fun!" By following your true passion, Pitts believes that everyone can find a career that will leave you feeling fulfilled at the end of every workday. The only thing in your way? The application process that it takes to get there.

Pitts' company, Shameless Self Promotion, offers seminars and coaching services that help people through the process of looking and applying for jobs and inspire people to realize their true potential. This particular on-campus talk, directed at job-seeking college students, was a shortened version of an interactive seminar that Pitts

has presented around the country.

Pitts' appearance on campus was arranged by seniors Michael Williams and



Tim Pitts, founder of Shameless Self-Promotion

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Adam Beal in conjunction with the Business and Economics Club. Pitts is currently a teacher at the Hun School of Princeton where Williams attended. After meeting

with Pitts over lunch to discuss business, Williams and Beal thought that students here at the College would benefit from hearing a lot of his advice about life post-college.

An energetic and self-proclaimed easily-bored man of 61, Pitts has an admirable resume of work experience and exciting events, including his climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Pitts spent 25 years working in the investment business, including his ten year position as Executive VP and National Sales Manager at OppenheimerFunds, after which he pursued his passion of photojournalism. He is currently following another passion by teaching Cold War history and encouraged his 'Berg student listeners to do the same. Follow their passions, that is.

The best and most successful careers come from following your passion, explained Pitts. Anyone can take a job because it will make them money, or because they think it will please someone else, but that job will never be your dream career. And Pitts is committed to helping students find that career.

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"He has a way

Filmmaker Brittany Huckabee presents: "Inside an American Mosque"

BY JESSICA HARRIS
NEWS EDITOR

Thurs. Feb. 17, the College hosted Brittany Huckabee, best known by students as the director of *The Mosque in Morgantown*, who spoke to a packed Miller Forum

about her documentary. *The Mosque in Morgantown* was nominated for a 2010 Emmy Award and tells the story of the tension that heightened in West Virginia between conservative and non-conservative Muslims. The controversy began in 2004 when Muslim journalist Asra Nomani decided to take action against the leaders of the Mosque in her hometown, Morgantown. Exclusion of women, intolerance toward non-believers and suspicion of the West were the critical issues she sought to fix. Her campaign for change, though it resulted in her alienation from the community, forces viewers to ask the question: what does it mean to be Muslim?

Huckabee began her presentation with a reflection on her upbringing in a religious community in Colorado that taught her about the evils of American culture and the lower status of women. Through the making of her documentary, she sought to raise the questions that she grew up asking herself—questions about identity, tradition

(body of beliefs and practices understood to constitute religion) and tactics (methods of effecting change). These three major themes of the film comprise the controversies that can divide a community, as Huckabee's film shows. She described *The Mosque in Morgantown* as "a film about ideas toward a pathway of change".

She continued, "when we talk about things like the problems with the Koran or with the Bible or Torah, we are taking an opportunity to build bridges. That is why I made this movie".

Context emerged as a concern during the Q&A portion of her presentation, and one student asked Huckabee if she felt a heightened responsibility to portray the Muslim community in a positive light considering their current political baggage (specifically since 9/11). Huckabee expressed that she didn't feel she could exclude any issue because of political ramifications: "I'm a filmmaker, not an activist," she said. She kept

an emotional distance from her relationships with the members of the community in an effort to represent both sides as accurately as possible. Ultimately, Huckabee said, her goal was to fuel conversation and raise questions, not to answer them.

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War on Women's Health

The contenders? Planned Parenthood versus the US House of Representatives. The stakes? More than \$75 million in federal funding.

This past week, the House voted to pass a bill to eliminate federal funding to Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is a non-profit organization that works to provide women with preventative healthcare services as well as advocates sex education and research. These services include: family planning, HIV counseling, STD treatment, cancer screenings, contraception, and abortions.

Planned Parenthood is orientated towards low-income women, who often do not have access to private healthcare for their reproductive needs. Our newly conservative House of Representatives voted to cease funding because of their stance on abortive practices.

In reality, only 3% of Planned Parenthood's services are used for abortions. Additionally, Congress has long barred federal funding for these practices, and the organization has only used the money for preventative health.

By eliminating the \$75 million in federal funding, the government would be robbing one in five American women of reproductive healthcare. If this bill becomes a law, Planned Parenthood would cease to exist, and women all over the country would no longer have access to mammograms, cancer screenings, and sex education, among other things.

Although many associate Planned Parenthood with abortions, the fact is that 97% of the women who utilize their services do so for the aforementioned preventive reasons. If the conservative men and women who comprise the new House of Representatives take offense to the practice of abortion, that's no reason to cut funding for the majority of the services that this organization provides.

If you agree with us, then let your voice be heard by writing to your local Congressman with your concerns. Also, you can join hundreds of Americans as they promote this issue at the Stand Up for Women's Health Rally on Feb. 26 in Foley Square, NY.

It's complicated: Facebook options

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

Facebook, one of the most influential institutions in the United States, has taken a step towards greater acceptance of the gay community. Last Thurs., the social networking website added two new options to its official list of relationship statuses: "in a civil union" and "in a domestic partnership."

It's been well documented that many people choose their Facebook page as a means of expressing themselves. Many commentators have speculated that Facebook profiles have become identities unto themselves. So, it's important that Facebook allows people to identify themselves how they want to be identified. However, it's hard to be completely overjoyed because, as made evident in the news almost every day, many gays don't want to be in civil unions or domestic partnerships; they want to be in marriages.

The first, and most important difference between the two (in my opinion), is the weight the terms hold. There is certainly a hierarchy. A civil union seems to be widely regarded as a step down from a marriage. Now, there are several legal and economic factors that back up this hierarchy, but there are also societal implications. Even if the two had the same economic and legal factors, calling them different names is insufficient. It reeks of "separate but equal." Calling the two unions something different suggests that there is a difference between the two and that one is better than the other.

There are several differences that go beyond implication. Numerous lawmakers, like the Wyoming senators who are trying to pass House Bill 74, argue that the term "marriage" refers to the union between a man and woman. They generally throw something about God and religion in there to back up their argument. However, the differences between the two go far beyond that.

First, there is the matter of recognition of the marriage by other states. Marriages recognized in one

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The cost of Democracy



VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

What is the price you would pay for freedom, equality, and your rights as a human? Living here in the United States we take these for granted, but for millions around the world this question shapes their every day lives. We have seen the people of Egypt triumph over the past authoritarian government. Standing firm against Mubarak's dictatorship, the Egyptian people chose to fight and several paid with their lives. Because of the strength of these people who came

out and protested, 80 million people will now see the dawning of a democratic Egypt.

Following Egypt's lead, other nations have seen their success and have begun to rise up and fight for their rights as well. The unrest in Libya is currently worrying nations around the globe. The government is currently an authoritarian state, with the chief of state being Col. Muammar Abu Minyar al-Q. Qaddafi has been the de facto chief of state since September 1, 1969. The Secretary of the General People's Committee, al-Baghdadi Ali al-M has been in office since March 5, 2006. National elections are held indirectly through a hierarchy of people's committees that are single handily elected by the General People's Congress. More clearly stated, the elections are corrupt.

The Libyan economy depends heavily on the oil sector. Oil exports account for 95% of Libya's export earnings, 25% of their GDP and 80% of government revenue. In the past, sanctions by the United Nations and the United States damaged Libya's oil economy, but once these were lifted in 2003 and 2004, respectively, Libya was able to attract greater foreign investment. In 2009, Libya produced 1.79 million bbl/day of oil and exported 1.542 million bbl/day. 37.65% of their oil is exported to Italy, 10.11% to Ger-

many, and 8.44% to France. The United States receives 5.27%. With the current revolution, oil production is certainly going to be a global concern. Only six days after the revolution began large oil corporations like BP are started pulling workers from their sites. Oil prices are

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continuing to increase in global markets due to the unrest as well; and, as the turmoil continues economists are worried that a spike in oil prices will upset the recovering economy worldwide. The price of oil has gained 1.6% per barrel since last August, a sharp increase, but this number expected to lower this upcoming week. Market prices globally are dependent on the "leveling off of the price of oil" which does not seem to be occurring anytime soon.

Prior to the current turmoil, trafficking in persons was the situation being closely watched in Libya. According to the CIA, Libya "is a transit and destination country for men and women from the sub-Saharan Africa and Asia trafficked for the purpose of forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation." They were placed on the Tier 2 Watch List for failure to provide evidence of their efforts to address this issue in 2007.

Now, Libyans are seeking to oust these authoritarian leaders in hope of freedom and eventual democratic governing. However, what began as peaceful protesting has quickly escalated into a bloodbath. Special Forces pledging their loyalty to the dictator, have overrun the streets of Tripoli. By late Monday night, witnesses reported armed forces "roving the streets in trucks" shooting freely "as planes dropped what witnesses described as 'small bombs' and helicopters fired on protesters." Human rights activists currently remaining outside of the country have estimated more than 220 deaths thus far. Some argue that Qaddafi's "grip on power" is loosening with military personnel beginning to join the revolt; however, the violence issued on Monday demonstrated that Qaddafi is much more willing to "shed blood" than the rulers of neighboring Tunisia and Egypt.

Israel and America: a strategic partnership

By CATHERINE SCHWARTZ
Op/Ed Writer

The recent wave of unrest in the Middle East has led to a new level of instability throughout the region.

Since the fall of Tunisia's government last month, Egypt and Jordan have followed suit, suffering a period of turmoil that threatens the security and peace of the Middle East. As protests and riots challenge the rule of monarchs and dictators, America nervously observes the region's developments, awaiting the fate of governments that seem increasingly at risk of collapsing.

In a region beset by turmoil, America is placing its trust in Israel, noticeably strengthening its cooperation with the Jewish state. The reasons for this decision are clear. As most of the Middle East struggles to overthrow its leaders, Israel remains the region's beacon of strength and stability. Whereas citizens of neighboring countries struggle to overthrow their leaders, Israelis enjoy the freedoms of a democratic political system. Today, as always, Israel is demonstrating itself to be America's greatest strategic partner in the Middle East.

With the highest number of start-up companies in the world, Israel's ingenuity benefits Americans everywhere. They have developed technology that we use every day, such as the cell phone, which was developed by Motorola in Israel, AOL Instant Messenger, and the USB flash drive. America's partnership with Israel allows for us

to continue working cooperatively with Israelis to improve technology, security and safety both here in the United States and in Israel.

In May 2008, Israel and America signed an agreement that would improve the homeland security of both nations. This agreement calls for the sharing of technology and science innovation. The value of cooperation between the US and Israel is really intangible. In May 2010, a letter was written to Obama by 50 retired US military leaders stating, "American police and law enforcement officials have reaped the benefits of close cooperation with

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Israeli professionals in the areas of domestic counter-terrorism practices and first-response to terrorist attacks."

Many of the greatest threats to Israel are also potential enemies to the United States, so it is in the greatest interest of the United States to continue to support their relationship with Israel.

The US and Israel also have long cooperation in military matters. Each year, branches of the military from both countries come together for joint training. One country does not lead these exercises, but rather they learn from each other about how to improve. Every year members of the US military go to Israel to receive in-depth training in a variety of issues. It is this cooperation that has long allowed each country to proudly boast two of the top militaries in the world.

The connection to Israel from the United States goes far beyond what we may perceive. It goes to saving lives of American soldiers in the fields in Afghanistan, to drip irrigation used in farms across our country, and even to cell phone technology that our culture is so dependent upon. Our safety and security is reliant on Israeli inventions and innovation, and this relationship is not one that can be jeopardized. If America wants to continue its success, it is clear that we need the strategic partnership of the little nation that could- Israel.

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state are recognized in every other state. However, this isn't the case with domestic partnerships and civil unions. Even if someone were to be in a legal domestic partnership in one state, this union wouldn't be recognized in another state if they were to move there.

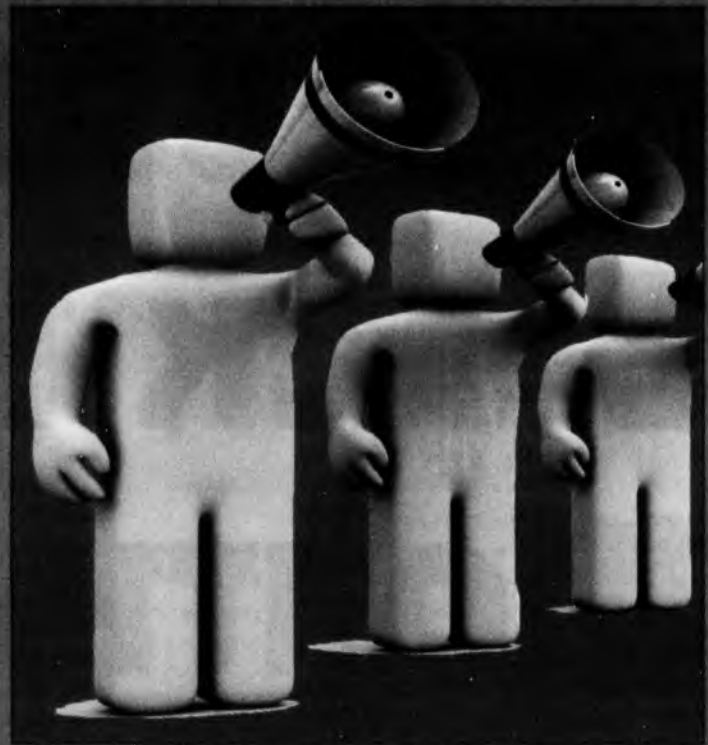
Another difference is in regards of immigration. A US citizen who is married can sponsor his or her non-American spouse for immigration into the US. Of course, those in a civil union can't. Another difference is taxes. Since civil unions aren't recognized by the federal government, couples aren't able to file joint-tax returns and thus aren't eligible for tax breaks or protections the government gives married couples.

Finally, there are 1,049 benefits and protections afforded to heterosexual married couples that gay couples aren't allowed. Among these are: federal benefits, such as survivor benefits through Social Security, sick leave to care for ailing partner, tax breaks, veterans benefits, and insurance breaks.

They also include things like family discounts, obtaining family insurance through your employer, visiting your spouse in the hospital, and making medical decisions if your partner is unable to. Civil unions protect some of these rights, but not all of them.

Clearly, this is not simply a religious matter. It'll be interesting to see how many people choose to identify themselves as in "domestic partnerships" and "civil unions" on Facebook.

That's what this is all about: choice. People should be allowed to label themselves how they want to and they should be able to reap the benefits of these labels when applicable.



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of getting down to your passion and helping you link that to a career," said Beal, who worked with Pitts over winter break.

In order to find that dream career, Pitts offered a series of recommendations for those of us in the job market, beginning with the idea of "employment foreplay." Using this lighthearted analogy, Pitts explained that when you are looking for a job, you are basically working in sales. You are trying to sell a product, yourself, to employers, who see you as a cost with no guarantee. In order to make the sale, you need to make yourself as attractive as possible to potential employers and networking connections by portraying exactly what they are looking for.

First thing's first: you need to land the interview. Pitts' biggest piece of advice? Network. It's something that we hear left and right these days, but it shouldn't be downplayed. Websites like Facebook and LinkedIn can be helpful outlets for meeting and talking to new people. From there, the right conversation can lead you to more connections or even a job offer. Just as long as you don't ask for one.

In the networking world, approaching someone in a career field that you are interested in and saying right away that you are looking for a job puts that contact on the defensive. Instead, you are better off saying that you are interested in their line of work and are looking for advice. This is a much more approachable technique that most people, including Pitts, wouldn't turn down:

"I love the business, why wouldn't I want to share it with somebody?"

Once you have a meeting or a conversation set up with a contact, treat it like a defacto interview. You may not be applying for a position, but you will still be leaving an impression. Be sure to go in prepared; Googling the person in advance and knowing about their employer shows interest and initiative. Have questions to ask prepared, and ultimately, come away with names of other people in the business you could potentially talk to. Every new contact you meet will have contacts of their own, and if you meet enough of them, eventually they will lead you to a real job interview.

Once you land an interview, the key question becomes: what is it that the employer wants? As subjective as this question may be, there are certain things that all employers wish they saw more of in applicants. These include critical thinking, ability to collaborate and adapt, entrepreneurialism, effective communication skills, and creativity.

Pitts, who has hired "literally hundreds of people" over his career, thought back to the most successful interviewees in compiling his advice for the interview process. These people all stood out by making an impression outside of their resumes and cover letters. As important as a streamlined resume and carefully written cover letter are, these documents should be left behind, not things that you rely on to do the talking for you.

And just as you shouldn't let your resume dominate

your application, don't let the interviewer dominate the conversation. If an interview feels like an interrogation, try to turn it into more of a "battle of equals" conversation by asking the interviewer questions about their position. People love to talk about themselves, so an interviewee who allows an employer to do just that will leave that employer feeling positive.

Towards the end of his talk, Pitts rattled off a number of small pieces of advice that people often forget. He recommended driving to an off-site interview the day before, just to be sure of where you are going. On the day of, make sure to get there at least 15 minutes early. Never bring anyone else with you; a parent coming to your interview doesn't exactly portray the type of independence that employers are looking for! And oddly enough: don't drink milk before an interview, it makes your mouth gummy and can cause you to trip over your words. Who knew?

The most important piece of advice that Pitts presented, however, was that confidence is key. Knowing yourself and being confident in that knowledge is not only valuable to potential employers but will give you a sense of empowerment. Anyone can be a good conversationalist when they're talking about something they are confident in. So put on your best suit and biggest smile and walk into that interview feeling confident in yourself. Because as Tim Pitts' Shameless Self Promotion business card asks, "If you don't promote yourself, who will?"

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Technology initiatives

BY ALEXANDER BROTMAN
NEWS WRITER

Muhlenberg students will be glad to hear that Phase 2 of the wireless initiative is nearly completed. When Phase 2 is done, "100% of the gross square footage of the campus will be covered," says Harry Miller, Director of the Office of Information Technology, something that has been in the works for two years now.

There will be a total of 400 access points compared to the 350 present now, with the only places left to cover being the MILE houses and some outdoor areas such as Parent's Plaza. The library has had some "upgrades to its upgrades" as Miller notes, and some dorms such as Robertson, South, East Hall, and Martin Luther have recently made the transition.

There are several other key things that OIT is working on, including preventing illegal file sharing. Two years ago a federal law was passed to put pressure on colleges to combat illegal file sharing, and Muhlenberg has been one of the few institutions to not increase fines and/or punishments. 30% of students illegally file share music, according to Miller, and he is actively working with students to get more feedback.

"We need to educate, not punish," he states, and he does this by visiting every Fitness and Wellness class and plans to do some advertising in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* soon.

"You come to value intellectual property over four years," says Miller, and he has high hopes for the College community.

When Mr. Miller first came to the College in 1993, the campus had wired dorms and almost every student had a land line. Now, in 2011, only 60 students are using land lines and 40 of them are Resident Advisors. There are practically no phones in freshman rooms, with most of the phones being used by international students. They are now on request, and you have to let the college specifically know whether or not you

care for one.

Another big initiative is with cable TV's, with the current plan "looking expensive," according to Miller. It is likely that for the fall semester there will be new cable offerings. In the meantime, BergWiFi, the new connection to the wireless system, has been a success, with every wireless device being able to connect to the system at the school so far.

Miller notes that in this day in age, it will most likely have to be replaced in two years or so to make way for another connection system, but that is typical, and something that will be in the works.

The last thing Miller mentioned was that OIT is working with the mailroom to have e-mails notifying you of package arrivals instead of physical cards. This would be a huge step for eliminating waste and being more eco-friendly, as well as being more helpful to students.

The campus is on the right track on many fronts and compared to other colleges, is at their level if not far ahead, something that Harry Miller and the rest of the Office of Information Technology crew is very proud of.

Student Government Elections Update

Student Body President Elections took place on Monday February 21, 2011 in the Seeger's Union Lobby from 8:30am to 8pm. The candidates in the running were Frank DeAndrea, Taylor Gold, and Jonathan B. Landau. The voter turnout for this election was the highest that we have had in over a year with 634 student voters, however no winner was determined because according to the Muhlenberg College Student Government Association Election Rules Section XI, letter A, number 1, "One candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes or a runoff election will be held between the top two candidates." A Runoff Election was held on February 23, 2011 between the top two candidates Taylor Gold and Jonathan B. Landau. At the time of this publication a winner had not been determined.

Information courtesy of Liz Martini '11

New Media and Communications Study Abroad

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
NEWS WRITER

The College has added yet another study abroad option for its students. This new option is with the Dublin City University in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, for a semester-long program. The program is open to all students; however it is targeted to Media and Communications majors. There are prerequisites to participate in the program, which must be met by all students who are interested in participating, regardless of your major. The prerequisites are COM201- Media and Society, COM231- Documentary Research, and COM301- Media Theory and Methods, which is recommended.




While in Dublin, students will take four courses: 1-Media and Communications class taught by a Muhlenberg faculty member, 2- Media and Communications electives, and 1- internship in Media and Communications-related field, such as television, radio, advertising, public relations, web marketing, video production, and film. There will be a three to five day orientation hosted by Dublin City University.

Also, there will be a Dublin City University contact person for all students for the entire duration of their study abroad program, and there will be a Muhlenberg faculty member for the first eight weeks. Dublin City University offers students apartment style suites to dorm in and state of the art sports facilities to use. This program will kick off in the spring 2011 semester.

If you have any questions contact Dr. Sullivan at Sullivan@muhlenberg.edu or at extension 3481. Lastly, senior Alex Mulhearn made a promotional video, which can be found at:

<http://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/academics/mediacom/dublin.html>.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Rain and snow possible	Partly sunny and cold	Mostly cloudy
High: 40 Low: 24	High: 36 Low: 24	High: 40 Low: 28

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Stress increases with midterms; Counselor advises 'Berg students

by Suzanne Ziegler

Mid-semester brings a flood of exams, papers, or projects for most Muhlenberg students. And stress.

According to Janet Maurer, school psychologist, the middle of the semester is a peak; stress builds up as more work must be fit into less time, classes become routine, and relationships become strained.

"A college population is primed for having a lot of different things to deal with," she noted. It is important, according to Maurer, that students realize where they can go for advice and counseling when the stress becomes too hard to handle.

Maurer, who has worked at Muhlenberg for two years, is the only staff member whose only function is counseling.

Students obviously feel a need to talk out their problems and have taken advantage of the services Maurer offers. "I'm very busy and have about a three and a half week waiting list. This is very disturbing to me. I'd like to be able to see students right away," she said.

"Instead," Maurer noted, "by the time their appointment comes, either the problem has gone away or it has turned into a crisis. I would prefer to do preventive work—instead I deal with crises that have already erupted," she added.

Maurer pointed out the need for another counselor. She said she believes that an important aspect of her job is an educational one: how to maintain mental health and prevent

problems. Additional staffing would allow them to deal with preventive needs. Group workshops and group counseling would be easier to arrange and would "provide richer services to the students." She said she felt that "it's important that students have an option about who they want to see."

However, Maurer emphasized that if someone was unable to make an appointment during "office hours" (Mon., Wed., Fri., 9-5) or during her spare time on Tuesday and Thursday (her teaching days), arrangements could be made for an "emergency."

Maurer expressed doubt about the addition of counseling staff due to the finances involved and other problems. Because "there is more of a need than there is time in my day," she felt students should utilize other services available to them.

Rev. Roger E. Timm, assistant chaplain, also said "it is important for students to know there are other sources—I am not sure if students are aware of counseling services on campus."

Although Timm noted that the chaplains do not have depth of psychological background, they do have experience in pastoral counseling.

Both Timm and Rev. David H. Bremer, as well as Father Michael Mancusi, part-time chaplain to Catholic students, are available for consultation with any student who seeks their help. Timm said, "I consider it part of what it means to be a chaplain," and noted that most Prot-

estant seminaries give some training in counseling.

Rev. Timm emphasized that the chaplains would be willing to meet with anyone who needs to talk over problems—and not only those with religious aspects.

According to Maurer, the major problem for most students is depression. Often these problems are "not necessarily related to Muhlenberg, but they are carried through life and get exacerbated from the stress of college life."

Often students faced with developmental issues, such as independence vs. dependence or establishing relationships, just need to discuss their problems.

She noted that RA's are given some training in counseling and are also trained in referral.

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Dr. Janet Maurer, Muhlenberg's counseling psychologist, discusses stresses students feel.

Convocations Committee emphasizes 25 years of coeducation in lecture series; Shirley Chisholm to speak

by George Schroeder

With an emphasis on the celebration of twenty five years of coeducation at Muhlenberg, the College Convocation Committee has scheduled a series of refreshing talks from prominent women representing different nationalities and fields of expertise.

The College Convocation Committee is responsible for the allocation of money received from funds established by Student Council and the Visiting Scholar Fund of the College for lectures throughout the academic year.

This year the Committee consists of ten members representing the administration, faculty, and students. The committee consists of Dr. R. Dale LeCount, Dean of Educational Services, Dr. James Bryan, Dean of Students, Professors Charles Richter, Dr. Silas White, Robert Wagner, and students George Schroeder, Carolyn Magan, Mark Stone, Cindy Kampf, and Joe Nave.

The committee has sponsored lectures all year, with an emphasis on the coeducation theme, but the remaining speakers should prove to be the highlight of the lecture series. On February 28 Julia Sih, a citizen of the People's Republic of China, will be on campus for two lectures. At 11 a.m. she will discuss "Life in the USSR Today—A Chinese Perspective." Sih is an expert on Russian Literature and is currently at Harvard University. She has traveled to the Soviet Union several times, most recently through Muhlenberg College's trip led by Dr. Albert Kipa. At 8 p.m. she will speak on "The Role of Women in China Today." Both lectures should prove enlightening in regard to the role of women in contemporary foreign cultures.

On March 17 former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm will speak on "Women and Politics." Chisholm served her New York City district in Congress for fourteen years until her recent retirement. During this time she built a reputation as an outspoken advocate for women's and black rights. Margot Sharpberg, a prominent contemporary German poetess will read her poetry and hold a discussion on April 12. This program is in conjunction with the German Club and the Bernheim House. Patricia Schroeder, a prominent Congresswoman from Colorado will be the keynote speaker in a Women's Studies symposium held on April 23. Schroeder graduated from the University of Minnesota Phi Beta Kappa and received her law degree from Harvard. She presently holds a seat on the Judiciary and Armed Service Committees as well as the Select Committee on Children and Families.

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Body image: women's perception

by Sheryl Sachs

"My body is..."

According to Susan Tenzer M.A., Director and Founder of the Center for Personal Development in Allentown, this statement should read, "My body is mine." However, virtually 100% of American women find something wrong with their bodies. Therefore, they prefer to detach themselves from it, and tend to finish this statement by saying, "My body is fat, ugly or unattractive."

In an informal presentation Tuesday evening, Mrs. Tenzer discussed the obsession and conflict with being thin. "Women have problems separating weight and worth," she said. Historically, women have been the nurturers. They generally buy, cook, and serve food for their families. This immature amount of time spent "nurturing" others, often leads to the negligence of themselves, which in turn, can cause anger and depression, and thus, compulsive eating.

Mrs. Tenzer asserted that, "women tend to be compulsive eaters because they are society's compulsive dieters." This obsession with weight can lead to severe eating disorders such as bulimia, characterized by a binge-purge syndrome, and anorexia nervosa, a related

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Student Council deals with hodgepodge of affairs; Constitutional changes, Honor Code highlight meeting

by Deborah Talbot

The twenty-second meeting of the Student Council was held on Thursday, February 17th. The meeting was opened with a brief discussion of last week's Student Government Constitutional changes. The Council then proceeded to discuss the Muhlenberg Fraternity Council's Constitution and the Academic Behavior Code.

Council member Mike Cohen motioned the approval of the Muhlenberg Fraternity Council's constitution which was subsequently passed. The constitution was passed without any major changes occurring in the document.

The first order of business, though, was a proposal made by cheerleader Lisa Lambert to provide a bus for the Moravian game which took place on Saturday, February 19th. This proposal was motioned by Butch Leiber and then passed by the Council with the provision that a second bus be provided if needed.

Joe Nave, Council Treasurer, made a motion to the effect that International Affairs Club should have fifty percent of its budget cut due to the misuse of funds. This motion was also passed by the Student Council.

Following these procedures was an academics report given by Jen Schoen. Jen presented a paper explaining the proposed changes in the Academic Behavior Code. One tentative change discussed was the addition of mandatory proctoring. This change was instigated with the belief that any cheating will be curbed with the presence of a proctor. The

grading system was also mentioned in accordance with the ABC. The grade of "V" given to those who violate the Honor Code, at this time, doesn't affect the cumulative average. The Council recommended that the "V" be added to the cumulative average so that the score will be affected. Once again, these

proposals are only suggestions offered by the Council to the Faculty and Board.

The Student Council then discussed the problem of finding a graduation speaker. As of yet, no speaker has been decided upon. The Council needs student input on this matter.



Dean of Educational Services R. Dale LeCount serves as Chairman of the Convocations Committee.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 14 - Institutional Vandalism - At 2238 Chew St. (Hillel), there was a report of vandalism to an emergency phone. It is unknown when the damage occurred or who damaged the phone.

Feb. 14 - Hit and Run - On Liberty St., there was a report of a hit and run accident. The rear view mirror of the vehicle was damaged and the vehicle left the scene. The investigation will continue.

Feb. 14 - Found Property - On the Brown mall, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 15 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found vehicle key. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The key was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 15 - Sick Visitor - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a sick visitor. Allentown EMS responded and transported the individual to the hospital.

Feb. 15 - Harassment by Communication - At 2252 Chew St., there was a report of harassment by communication (telephone messages). The investigation will continue.

Feb. 15 - Sick Student - In Trexler Library, B Level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. Campus Safety transported the student to the Health Center.

Feb. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In East Hall (C Block, third floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 15 - Found Property - In the New Science Building, first floor, there was a report of a found cell phone. The item was returned to its owner.

Feb. 16 - Found Property - In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found flash drive. The owner was notified and the item was mailed.

Feb. 16 - Sick Visitor - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick visitor. The Health Center responded to the scene. The individual refused medical treatment.

Feb. 16 - Found Property - In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of found books. The owner was notified and picked up the items.

Feb. 17 - Harassment - On campus, there was a report of harassment via text messages and emails. The individual was spoken to and a letter of no contact was issued.

Feb. 17 - Institutional Vandalism - In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism done by a non-resident of a room. The individual may have done additional damage in the hall. Residential Services was notified. The investigation will

continue.

Feb. 18 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of trashing, excessive noise, and trespassing. The investigation will continue. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 18 - Found Property - In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of a found set of vehicle keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 18 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found iPod. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 19 - Noise Complaint (College Violation) - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Campus Safety officers spoke with the individuals. There was no further incident.

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Feb. 19 - Grounds Problem - At 2145 Chew St., there was a report of a vehicle parked on the grass. Allentown Police Department responded to the scene and had the vehicle towed. The vehicle was reported to Allentown

Police Department as being driven without consent. There was no further incident.

Feb. 19 - Sick Student - In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded to the scene. The student refused medical transport.

Feb. 19 - Sick Student - In Taylor Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 19 - Sick Student - At 2241 Liberty St., there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. There was no further incident.

Feb. 19 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, basement, there was a report of a noise complaint. Campus Safety officers arrived and spoke with the residents. An officer disposed a bottle of liquor. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 19 - Found Property - In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 20 - Injured Student - In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of an injured

student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 20 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In East Hall (C Block, first floor), there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 20 - Disorderly Conduct - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of disorderly conduct. A student was seen urinating in a neighbor's yard. Allentown Police Department responded. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 20 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - At 2135 Chew St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. A student was cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking.

Feb. 20 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found room key. It is unknown to whom the key belongs. The key was given to Residential Services.

Feb. 20 - Vandalism to Vehicle - In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. An unknown person bent a windshield wiper. There are no suspects at this time.

Napkin of the week

The vegetable pesto sandwich available from the grill is delicious!!! Also, can we please have tomato and mozzarella salad everyday??? FOREVER???

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Life!

"Let go of the past and go for the future. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you imagined."

- Henry David Thoreau

Celebrating Black History Month

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

"Racial injustice is violence" was the powerful theme which introduced the documentary shedding light on the secret life of Bayard Rustin. Interestingly enough, Bayard Rustin's life wasn't intentionally kept secret, but was more so ignored, as was Bayard Rustin during much of his life due to his homosexuality. The statement appeared in the opening scene of the movie *Brother Outsider* that was shown in honor of black history month Thurs., Feb. 17 in the event space in Seegers Union.

Prior to viewing the movie, Walter Naegle gave a brief overview of the life of his former life partner, Bayard Rustin. Naegle was Bayard Rustin's life partner from 1977 until Rustin's death in 1987. Naegle seemed proud and excited to share the life of Bayard Rustin with the audience in attendance to the event because the life of Bayard Rustin as a civil rights activist has more or less been excluded from history textbooks and overshadowed by the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This movie serves as a documentary of the life of Bayard Rustin and was first shown in 2003. Walter stated before the viewing that this film has been popular in recent years probably because "the themes included in this documentary are relevant to what is going on in the world today." He compared civil rights activists from the 50's and 60's to the activists that have spontaneously become active in recent times in Egypt. The documentary began with Bayard Rustin stating, "I am not ready to die, I want no Negro, no human

being to die because brutalize (change) can be won without brutalization (cruel treatment)." Bayard Rustin was a civil rights activist who used tactics that were



Bayard Rustin, a great civil rights activist.

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similar to those of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in order to achieve equality for black people. For example, unlike Malcolm X who favored violence in order to gain equality, Bayard Rustin purposefully got himself arrested and sent to jail in an effort to use non-violent tactics to gain justice and equality for his people. Bayard Rustin was known by many people to be an "angelic troublemaker." He believed that bodies should be used instead of weapons and used the analogy that "bodies should be

placed in the places so that the wheels may not turn." I take this to mean that Bayard didn't want to use guns or violence to gain justice for his people, but rather march or break laws to change the minds of those who opposed equality for his people.

Dorothy Jackson was Bayard Rustin's childhood neighbor and described Rustin's early life in the documentary. She talked about how handsome he was, which leads me to believe that she might have had a "crush" on him growing up. Bayard Rustin played the position of left tackle on the football team at his high school and was well liked by all of his teammates, including the white members of his team. He was so well liked by whites and blacks of his community that when he was dragged off to jail one time he suggested that both "decent black and white people" should provide ten cents in order for him to get released from jail, and he was released shortly thereafter. He was not only very good at football, but he was a talented musician. Bayard Rustin was intelligent and very versatile. Dorothy Jackson mentioned that he "sang like a mocking bird" and enjoyed reciting classical poetry. His former lover, Naegle, also stated at the beginning of the film event that Rustin enjoyed singing gospel music.

Bayard Rustin was very close with his grandmother Julia "Ma" Rustin and

shared everything with her, including his controversial personal life. He told her that when he was at parties in high school that he preferred to hang out with "the boys rather than the girls." Bayard and Julia were both Quakers and felt that blacks should "stand up non-violently" in order to support their cause for achieving justice and equality. When Rustin went to college at a university in Ohio he selected to become a music major. He enjoyed singing in a quartet there, but he didn't last very long in college because he incited a strike to improve the food and the university asked him to leave shortly thereafter.

After the incident at college, Rustin moved in with his sister Bessy in Harlem for a brief amount of time and joined the young communist league for a short stint which lasted from 1938 to 1941. Rustin worked as a field worker for a man named AJ Musty, a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR). Serving as its Race Relations Secretary, Rustin toured the country conducting Race Relations Institutes designed to facilitate communication and understanding among racial groups. Together, AJ Musty and Rustin worked to promote non-violent direct action and their mantra was that "one should begin with piece so that one can end with it." During this time, Rustin refused to register for the draft, and also declined to perform alternative service in one of the Civilian Public Service camps set up for Quakers and other religious pacifists.

For his refusal to serve his

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F to eMbody Rocks a Tuesday Night!

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

Tues., Feb. 8 there was a performance in the Red Door at 7:30 p.m. delivered by the Athens Boys Choir and Katastrophe. It wasn't a typical performance given by a band, but two performers delivering a performance including a mixture of poems, multi-media equipment, childhood videos, and music to create a fantastic show. Working next door to the performance, the staff of the Weekly couldn't help but notice the overwhelming laughter and applause bellowing just five feet away. We decided to cover this performance called *F to eMbody* and inquire as to how this performance came about.

After some investigation we learned that *F to eMbody* was put together by the college's Gay-Straight Alliance and Multicultural Life. They not only worked to provide a performance at the Red Door, but they also helped to create a Transgender 101 Workshop held that same day at 4:30 p.m. at the Multicultural Center. In order to learn more about the performance and workshop, the Weekly asked a few informative questions of the president of the GSA, Tara Tappen '12.

The Muhlenberg Weekly (MW): What did the Transgender 101 Workshop entail? What were the activities or speeches presented during that time?

Tara Tapan '11 (TT): The workshop portion of the event is mainly an avenue through which students could engage in an open discussion about transgender

issues with Rocco (Katastrophe) and Katz (Athens Boys Choir). One of the main purposes of the workshop is for students to learn proper terminology and conduct when engaging with individuals who identify as transgender or gender deviant in any way, as there are many slang words and offensive terms that are often used to describe trans people and their experiences. The workshop emphasizes the validity of personal choices and identities, and provides a safe space for open dialogue to occur.

MW: How did the Gay-Straight Alliance and Multicultural Life think of this idea?

TT: This is the second year that the GSA and Multicultural Life have sponsored this event, and we continue to do so in an attempt to reach out to and represent all segments of marginalized communities. Transgender and other gender-deviant identities are often overlooked as an important part of diversity programming, as we (as a larger community) have a tendency to focus on LGB (lesbian, gay, and bisexual) and other identities that surround sexuality. Gender identity is not the same as sexual identity, and thus we must acknowledge and be inclusive of a diversity of identities and types of identities in this regard. It is incredibly important to recognize and discuss the intersections of identities, not just in regards to gender and sexuality, but also in regards to race, class, religion, etc. We hope that these types of

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programming will help to prompt and encourage a deeper level of dialogue about these issues.

MW: How did the Athens Boys Choir and Katastrophe perform? What was the reaction coming from the audience?

TT: Both Katastrophe and Athens Boys Choir were fantastic performers who owned the space well and kept the audience captivated. Katastrophe used his amazing grasp of language to weave poems and spoken word pieces together that tell of what it is like to live outside of the mainstream, while Athens Boys Choir took on a slightly

more humorous approach with the use multimedia equipment and childhood videos to bring deeper, more serious issues to light. We certainly hope that the audience was able to leave having not just experienced two great performances, but also that they were able to use this experience as a way to grapple with larger issues of gender identity and social injustice.

Overall, we learned that the performance and the workshop were all part of grander theme, which entailed educating the world with how to identify other people and how to communicate with others that we may have never associated with before.

La Dispute depicts a philosophical battle of the sexes

BY KELSEY METZ
LIFE WRITER

La Dispute's Marivaux's 18th century French comedy, and will be performed onstage at the College from Feb.

24-27. This comedy will explore questions of infidelity through a shocking sociological experiment that will bring great laughter to the audience.

What would happen if you raised three boys and three girls in complete isolation from each other and the outside world—and then introduced them to one another? Would they fall in love? Promise to be loyal?

How long would it take before the betrayals began? And who would be the first to stray, the women or the men?

Just such an experiment is at the heart of Pierre de Marivaux's mischievous 1744 comedy. The play is full of romance, playful language, and situational comedy, says director Francine Roussel, associate professor of the college's Theatre and Dance department. But it also gives the audience some food for thought.

"You leave the play with these nagging questions," she says. "It is not as light as it seems."

"Though more 250 years old, the play continues to resonate with modern audiences and modern actors", Roussel says.

"At college, we are dealing with young people who fortunately fall in love and fall out of love," she says. "That subject is relevant to any time. Is it in human nature, or is it a product of a civilization, era or culture?"

"*La Dispute*" begins with an argument: a prince and his courtiers have been debating whether men or women are more likely to be unfaithful in love. To settle the dispute, the prince has concocted an experiment whereby six children spend their entire childhood and adolescence alone, with a pair of servant caretakers as their only human companions.

At the age of 18, the children are introduced to each other, and couples form quickly. The lovers start out swearing their devotion, but they soon face their first temptations. The prince—and the audience—then watch as the results unfold.

"The temptation seems impossible to resist," Roussel says. "The truth of human behavior is visible in these young people. They are constantly discovering the world around them and the world within themselves. These are the conditions of a serious experiment."

As with all scientific endeavors, more questions than answers come out of this subversive experiment.

"It is a play that is philosophical in nature, just like anything in that century," Roussel says. "Marivaux himself had that bent. His theater questions the philosophy of life. In the 18th century, literature and philosophy fell in love with science."

"I'm amazed at the refinement and sophistication of his language," she says, "his knowledge of the human heart and of the infinite subtleties of human behavior, and his power to make that society aware of its class system and its need to change."

Roussel says that the play displays a social agenda that was surprisingly progressive for its time. She is particularly interested in Marivaux's depiction of the two black servants who have raised the children.

"The young people say horrible things about their guardians, totally racial, not politically correct things. I'm sure people will react to that," Roussel says.

"But Marivaux was way ahead of his time. He used provocative language to raise important social questions. He wrote a play about the emancipation of women and the emancipation of slaves. He had a real social consciousness."

Roussel says she was interested in visualizing the cruelty of the experiment itself—an approach she discussed with scenic designer Curtis Dretsch. Dretsch designed a set he says is meant to invoke "a combination zoo enclosure and operating theatre," in which the characters enter a central space from their separate cages of isolation.

"I have really questioned where the children come from, the damage done to them, and where they will go," Roussel says. "I wanted the set to address these issues."

La Dispute performances are Thurs. through Sat., Feb. 24-26, at 8 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and students and \$8 for patrons 17 and under. Performances are in Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance. This comedy is recommended for mature audiences. *La Dispute* performance information and tickets are available at 484-664-3333 or www.muhlenberg.edu/theatre. There will be a panel discussion this Thurs., Feb. 24, titled *Fidelity and Desire: Perspectives on Marivaux's La Dispute*. It will be hosted by Dr. James Peck, professor of Theatre, and will also feature Dr. Kathy Wixon and Dr. Eileen McEwan, French; Dr. Kim Fallon, African-American Studies; and Dr. Stephanie Sinno, Psychology.



Adinia (Jenny Lerner) and Eglea (Emily Spadaford) duel with their compacts, while Carisa (Danielle Barlow) looks on.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SNYDER

Life is Calling. How far will you go?

Peace Corps Information Table

Thursday, March 3, 2011

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Seegers Upper Lobby

Are you interested in using your skills to help a developing country? Are you eager to learn, first hand, about a different culture?

Learn about international service from a recruiter and returned Peace Corps volunteer. Peace Corps volunteers work in 76 nations and explore a new culture while giving back. 86 Muhlenberg grads have served in the Peace Corps!

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county, Rustin served three years in federal penitentiary, beginning in 1943, as a way of protesting the war. During one of his missions for AJ Musty he went to Tennessee and was arrested for sitting in the front of a bus that was designated for white people; he was dragged out of his seat and thrown in jail. He did this before Rosa Parks, but everyone recognizes her for this step towards non-violent action.

Rustin was rejected by a lot of people during his lifetime despite his efforts and successful steps towards equality for black people. After he was arrested in Pasadena, California for sex perversion with men in the back of a bus, a lot of people rejected him for being a homosexual and also viewed him as a pervert. AJ Musty rejected him and let him go. Later in his life, Rustin was rejected by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For awhile, Rustin had great influence over Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and helped guide him in the correct path for the non-violent movement. Both Rustin and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. eventually rejected him, however, because he didn't want to be categorized as homosexual and thought he would be by association with Rustin. This is the main reason as to why Rustin's achievements as a civil rights activist were not glorified. Despite the trials and tribulations that he faced because of his personal sexual life, Rustin continued to work until his death and traveled the world in order to promote non-direct violence and help the ill and deprived people of other countries. He was greatly influenced by Ghandi and continued in his efforts for equality until his death. This was a great documentary and one that all students should be required to view to be more informed of the civil rights movement.

Asylum Discussion with Christopher Payne

BY CARLA DRUMHEISER
LIFE WRITER

On Wed., Feb. 16, Martin Art Gallery's featured artist Christopher Payne spoke about his exhibition *Asylum*. The Recital Hall was packed with faculty and students from the College, as well as students from Kutztown and members of the public. The talk was preceded by a well attended Artist's Reception, where Payne was able to meet with those in attendance.

Payne's talk focused on his exhibition, and the inspiration behind it. *Asylum* is a series of photographs of State mental hospitals, which were prevalent throughout the country until the early 1970's. Payne gave a brief history of these hospitals, which played a large role in society from the mid 19th century, to their inevitable deinstitutionalization. The hospitals themselves were enormous and extremely lavish, with several resembling castles and often containing their own farms and gardens. Yet these hospitals were institutions, housing millions of mentally ill and handicapped patients.

Payne explained how he was inspired and made curious by the role and function of these hospitals. He wanted to explore the history within them, by capturing the empty hospitals and the items that were leftover after they closed. By focusing on an eerie story and are a fascinating look into these institutions that were a large part of our culture, and certainly our history.



One of the photographs from Payne's *Asylum* exhibit.

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like toothbrushes lined up in rows, Payne created a picture of what day-to-day life in these hospitals could have been. He explained how in every hospital he visited, he would find and photograph the "magic spot" usually down a long hallway. Payne felt these captured the emblematic feeling of being in an abandoned building, but thinking of those who once lived and died there.

Payne was also inspired by the notion that many of these hospitals were self-sufficient, operating their own farms, slaughterhouses, canneries, as well as beauty parlors and bakeries. Many of his photographs focused on this aspect, further showing just how big and complex these hospitals really were.

Finally, Payne compared photographs of these hospitals in their prime, with photos of them today, abandoned and covered in vines. It is interesting to see these buildings deteriorate, while the gardens have become overgrown and wild. They are iconic pieces of little-known history, filled with glimpses into the life and death of millions of Americans.

The Gallery is only open in the Martin Art Gallery until Fri., Feb. 26, but it is worth a visit. Payne's photographs tell an eerie story and are a fascinating look into these institutions that were a large part of our culture, and certainly our history.

More Than Just a Coffee Shop

BY AVNI MITTAL
LIFE WRITER

Unique, eclectic, and welcoming are the three words I would use to describe Hava Java, which is a small comforting coffee shop located on 19th Street.

Whenever I think of a coffee shop I think about a small artsy atmosphere where I can go and enjoy a nice cup of coffee and escape the madness of my studies.

But Hava Java is more than just a nice place to escape. The atmosphere adds to the experience from the ceiling there coffee cups hanging, a variety of board games, and books you can read while there.

It has an amazing and inviting atmosphere. The first time I went there I instantly fell in love with the place, not only because of the delicious organic coffee but I love talking to the workers there because they are so friendly. I always strike a conversation with the cashier, talking to him about a variety of topics. I went there this past week and the worker there told me that they are trying to get bands or entertainers to show off there work as well as local artists.



A cup of java

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So if you are looking for a place to which to escape or a welcoming atmosphere off campus Hava Java's is a gem you should go to! They love Muhlenberg students so don't forget to show your ID when you go to get a discount!

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-Molly Weinberg '11



"Twenty-two days."

-Jeremy Henowitz '12 &
Rachel Abbate '12



"Eight days."

-Rachel Kitch '11



"One week and a half."

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Habitat for Humanity and the MTA fundraise for their new projects

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

This past Friday night, Muhlenberg's Red Door was filled with entertainment and comedy, all for a great cause. Together Muhlenberg's Habitat for Humanity and the Muhlenberg Theater Association (MTA) sponsored a fundraising event that strived to raise money for the clubs' new projects. The night was kicked off with a performance by Live in Color, Muhlenberg's only show choir on campus. With an energetic cast of students, Live in Color started off with "Somebody to Love," a cover of the classic Queen song. The song was enhanced with LIC's two solo performers, Kevin Kulp and Casey Porter. They then switched it up with a modern pop song, Bruno Mars' "Grenade". On this track, Kayla Weinerman and Annie Fruchtmann both provided powerful solo's to the dramatic song. Finally, with a head banging version of Green Day's "American Idiot" led by Edward Quach. The crowd loved LIC's energetic performance that started the night off with a bang.

The entertainment didn't stop there. Muhlenberg's MIA; the Muhlenberg Improve Association performed next with a series of comedy games to get the audience laughing in their seats. Using the word "may," the members created a series of sketches that incorporated the word in some way. As the game progressed, the group



Habitat for Humanity banner welcoming volunteers.

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condensed the stories together to end with one that incorporated all of them. UiP successfully got the audience both involved and laughing the entire time. Muhlenberg's only long-formed improv group UiP kept the laughing going. With a set of different comedy games, the group got the audience involved as well. Using words yelled out by the audience, the group created a group of mini-sketches. Words used included, Justin Beiber and Harry Potter. The group cleverly integrated the words into their segments, producing hilarious story lines. It is clear that both Muhlenberg's improv groups are victorious in generating a room full of laughs.

The event sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and MTA, was a joint event to raise money for Habitat for Humanity's upcoming projects. This spring, Habitat's Lehigh Valley chapter will be building a house on Chew Street. To build the house, a sufficient amount of money is needed to

purchase materials and build it. Students from Muhlenberg as well as other volunteers will be helping to build the house. Habitat for Humanity takes part in different projects to help the city of Allentown. Last semester, members of the club renovated a park in inner city Allentown. They painted benches, picked up trash, placed soil and weeded. With the help of Habitat for Humanity members, Muhlenberg College is helping improve Allentown.

Trexler Trivia Showdown

BY JEN ALECCI
LIFE WRITER

Who says that fun can't be intellectual? Working with friends to answer questions on various subjects can turn into a fun competition, especially if there are prizes and snacks involved. The staff of Trexler Library, headed by Joy Lafevre, held a trivia night on Wednesday, February 16th, at eight pm.

Teams were made up of 4-6 members, and they were able to come up with a unique team name. The night commenced with an atmosphere of anticipation and friendly competition. There were around seventeen teams in total, and everyone was playing to win.

Each table had a supervisor to ensure fair play and was equipped with brain food such as pretzels or popcorn. Cell phones were collected and put in a box before the game started, as nowadays most phones can act as mini computers. There was one round, however, where all technology was allowed. The round included questions having to do with the College. Ordinary questions ranged from identifying the actor, director, and title of contemporary and older movies by looking at a picture to naming the singer of a 4 second snippet of music. There were questions about geography that had many questioning how well they know their way around the planet. Classics such as *Casablanca*, *The Notebook*, *7th Heaven*, and *Scary Spice* appeared as answers to questions. The questions encompassed such a wide range of topics that everyone on the team got to contribute their own personal knowledge. It didn't matter the major or age of the team members, there was a question or subject that everyone was familiar

with.

Early on, the team "Sound is Everything" took a solid lead. Their unique celebration included standing up in unison and waving their hands back and forth. When the team of faculty members began to catch up, the race for first place was underway.

Every student dreams of being able to show up their teachers in a friendly academic competition, and the stakes seemed to rise for everyone. By the second to last round, "Sound is Everything" was ahead. It was a nail biting ending, but the faculty team managed to win in the last round. A disappointing loss for students, but it shows there's a reason why we can learn from these people.

In addition to team competitions, there were individual competitions as well. In the individual competition, a raffle ticket would be read and the person with the corresponding ticket would have to answer a trivia question to win the prize. Speaking of prizes, the trivia committee did an excellent job of picking prizes that are most significant to college students: food. There were Brewworks Parma Pizza, and Sodexo gift cards as well as ski tickets to Bear

Creek.

Overall, the trivia night was a raging success. Students and faculty became invested in winning while still managing to have fun. The prizes were useful and the questions were challenging. It was a unique experience to be able to go to a school sponsored event on a weeknight because most entertainment typically occurs on the weekends. I look forward to the next time Trexler Library hosts a trivia night.

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This weekend on campus

Thurs. Feb. 24

- 1) Brett Weber: Discovery Series - Muhlenberg and Beyond all day in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 2) *La Dispute* from 8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. in the Baker Theatre
- 3) DUI: A Powerful Lesson - A talk by Mark Sterner from 8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. in the Seegers Great Room

Fri. Feb. 25

- 1) Brett Weber: Discovery Series - Muhlenberg and Beyond all day in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 2) *La Dispute* from 8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. in the Baker Theatre

Sat. Feb. 26

- 1) Brett Weber: Discovery Series - Muhlenberg and Beyond all day in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 2) *La Dispute* from 8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. in the Baker Theatre
- 3) Pancake Palooza from midnight- 2:00 a.m. in the GQ

Sun. Feb. 20

- 1) Brett Weber: Discovery Series - Muhlenberg and Beyond all day in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 2) *La Dispute* from 8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. in the Baker Theatre

Can we forgive Michael Vick?

By EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The football season is on hiatus, but the debate on Michael Vick goes all year long. Just recently Chicago White Sox Pitcher Mark Buehrle was quoted as saying, "He had a great year and a great comeback, but there were times where we watched the game, and I know it's bad to say, but there were times where [my wife and I] hope he gets hurt." Buehrle and his wife, avid dog lovers, feel the same way as many others: that Michael Vick cannot be forgiven for his role in dogfighting. Michael Vick was convicted for illegally financing and operating a dogfighting ring and spent 23 months in prison for it, losing tens of millions of dollars in the process, having previously been signed to a 130 million contract in 2004 with the Atlanta Falcons. In Vick's second year back in the NFL he led the Philadelphia Eagles to an NFC East title and won the comeback player of the year award, having turned his game around to become one of the most feared players in the league. Some praise his on field accolades and how he has turned his life around, while others cannot forget the heinous crimes he committed in his past. This begs the question: can we forgive Michael Vick?

What Vick did and was associated with is absolutely horrific and everyone knows the gruesome details. Especially for anyone who has a dog (or maybe just a functioning conscience), can they even begin to fathom what kind of a person would do something like this? But before we crucify him, shouldn't we at least try and understand his side of the story? Now

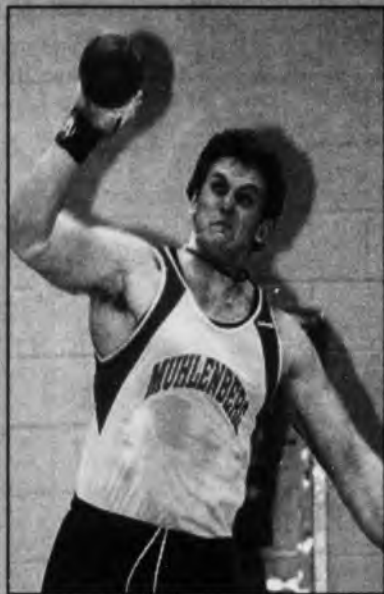
there were definitely certain cultural factors and parts of his background that played a considerable role, but these factors in no way vindicate him or make it any more acceptable. That being said, a sense of right and wrong is not always innate. The various practices that take place in other countries and certain cultural upbringings that would seem barbaric to us are considered socially acceptable by many different groups of people. A ritual such as female genital mutilation (aka female circumcision) is prevalent and viewed as socially acceptable in many African countries. These people are not morally inferior to us, they just lack the education, knowledge and awareness that is ubiquitous in more developed countries. Now no one is trying to condone what Michael Vick did, but it is important to denote that the reasons why he did it can never be fully explained or perceptively pinpointed. This makes it exceedingly hard to understand why he did it.

Not understanding why doesn't change what happened, but it makes it easier to condemn him. Many denigrators cite that Vick's 23 month sentence was too short for the crime he committed. It is admittedly difficult to say that these people are wrong, but it also difficult to say how much time he really deserved. In all fairness if you have a problem with his sentence not being long enough, your problem may lie with the justice system and not Vick. This debate over the severity of his punishment underscores the fundamental problem with forgiving him. No one can quantify this moral dilemma because as much as we would like it to be, it's not black and white. What

Vick did was wrong, yes, but to objectively say how wrong it was is contingent on your personal values. That debate is endless, but the debate on whether or not to forgive is less difficult because the answer is entirely personal. It really depends on how much you are willing to forgive.

Forgiveness is a tricky thing. It can be at once easier to forgive a friend or a partner and at the same time harder. When it comes to vilifying a stranger or a celebrity this might be easier and in turn you become less willing to forgive. With Michael Vick some people were huge fans; to some kids he was their idol. But for most he was just another rich athlete and an iniquitous one at that. For me I find that it may be easier to forgive Vick when I think of him as a person, maybe not as a good person, but a person nonetheless. What Michael Vick did to those dogs was beyond wrong, but he was punished for his crime. From what can be seen after only a few years, he has changed and is doing his best to atone for his past faults. Vick has worked with the Humane Society and a plethora of other charities too help educate people who could potentially make the same mistakes he did. Maybe only a lifetime of philanthropy and penance will make him truly freed from public castigation and his own self-abasement; but when someone does something truly wrong and dedicates themselves to changing, I believe it is time to forgive, but not to exonerate. Giving our forgiveness does not make what he did right, but when a person does all he can to make up for his past then our forgiveness is warranted. To forgive Vick is a personal choice, but the right one.

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The Slam Dunk Contest

and my attempts to make sense of it

BY JEREMY FUCHS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Full disclosure: I cannot dunk. I stand 5 feet and 10 inches, and can barely touch the net. Even with a running start. I love sports, but it has not been kind to me. I will never be mistaken for Chris "Birdman" Andersen.

Perhaps that is why I don't like the slam dunk contest. Maybe it's my jealousy getting in the way. Maybe it's my realization that I will never be able to do a 360, bring the ball through my legs, reverse slam.

Despite my hard feelings towards dunks, I do enjoy watching them. Who doesn't? Who doesn't love watching that video of Vince Carter dunking over massive Fredric Weis in the Olympics? Who doesn't love watching Dr. J prescribe dunks to the needy? We all do.

So, why don't I love the slam dunk contest? Why don't I stand up and holler when Dwight Howard dons a cape and becomes Superman? Why don't I text in for the winner? More importantly, why do I continue to watch? Why doesn't my confusion and hatred for it keep me from watching?

The dunk contest is nothing more than a glorified gymnastics event. These guys are doing crazy things. Showing off incredible athletic ability, jumping and doing truly amazing things. At face value, it's incredible to watch.

Yet, despite the insane athletic talent being tossed around, my mind is not digging it. Maybe I hate the

celebrity judges who give everyone 10s for dunks, with no defenders? Maybe I appreciate a dunk in a game, with defenders around a person, making it even more difficult. Maybe I just don't think a dunk should include someone jumping over a car, a la Blake Griffin.

Maybe I don't like the fact that it's rigged. Serge Ibaka, a 7 footer, jumped from the free throw line to slam one home. Not from inside the free throw line, like Jordan. From the free throw line. And he finished last. Blake Griffin, while dunking over a car is impressive, did not jump from the free throw line. Blake Griffin was going to win this event, no matter what.

But, as a fan of basketball, I think what annoys me most is the ridiculous nature of it. I'm old school. I appreciate a textbook running of the full court press more than I do a dunk. I like basketball when it's played the right way. No gimmicks. No props. Just a ball, 10 guys, and a hoop. Fundamentals, when actually used, are fun to watch.

And while a dunk is exciting, it's nothing more than an exclamation point. The dunk contest is like a writer using too many commas in their writing. It serves no purpose other than to slow things down and make things more confusing. After a dunk contest, I didn't learn anything about basketball. I'm confused about the state of it.

It is a game dominated only by the super athletic? Is there room for the cerebral player who out smarts his opponent? Is this game only getting younger?

Can you survive at 35? At 30? Where does the line between making fans excited and playing winning basketball occur? Dunks are great, but alone they do not constitute a good basketball strategy.

If basketball is only open to the super athletic, where does that leave me? As previously stated, athleticism is not one of my better qualities. Many people can attest to this. Yet, I love the sport and love playing it. How can I love something that I feel is slipping away from me? I grew up on the late 90s Knicks, teams dominated by great teamwork and good defense. When they became the downtrodden Knicks who couldn't play, I lost some interest.

And while I'm happy to see the Knicks back on their feet, I'm happy because they're starting to play defense again, have an actual point guard, and have chemistry. Not because Amare Stoudmire can throw down a few huge dunks.

So, the dunk contest, at least for me, isn't just a statement of athletic prowess. It's a treatise on where the game is headed: more athleticism, more dunking, more show-off play, and less basketball.

Yet, I continue watching. I watch every year. I watched this year. I will continue to watch. Why do I watch something I detest? Because maybe, someone, some year, will pull off an incredible dunk while being guarded. Then, I will be truly impressed. Until then, I'm hoping that the sport I love isn't changing too much for me.



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Guilty until proven innocent: the story of the Duke Lacrosse scandal

BY BRIAN BAXTER
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The lives of three young boys and the community they live in were forever changed after the night of March 13, 2006. Crystal Gail Magnum, a 27-year old African American, was hired to perform as an exotic dancer at a Duke Blue Devils men's lacrosse party. At approximately 11:30 p.m., Magnum and another dancer, Kim Roberts, arrived separately at 610 North Buchanan Boulevard in Durham, North Carolina. They danced for the team for only five minutes. After a student suggested they put on a performance using a broomstick as a sex toy, the two dancers stopped performing and went into a bathroom together.

Some members of the lacrosse team began to complain that they were being cheated out of their money. Magnum and Roberts emerged from the bathroom but began to walk around the yard half naked and shouting. The two dancers were taunted as they were heading for their vehicle. One student yelled, "We asked for whites, not n-----s!" Roberts shouted back, "That's a racial slur, a hate crime" as she drove away with Magnum. In the car, Roberts and Magnum got into a verbal argument. Roberts pulled the car over but Magnum refused to leave. The police came to diffuse the situation and brought Magnum to the Durham Access center, a substance-abuse and mental-health facility. It was here that Crystal Magnum claimed that she had been raped.

Over three years later, we know this is the truthful account of that March 13th night. We know that the accused, Reade Seligmann, Collin Finnerty, and David Evans, never raped Crystal Magnum. For those of us who watched the case play out on television and in the newspapers, this is an event we can easily move on from. We might have been and possibly continue to be upset and angered by the false accusations of Crystal Magnum that put the national spotlight and scrutiny on three innocent students, their families, the Duke men's lacrosse team and the surrounding community. We may be outraged (or sadly unsurprised) at former Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong's deceitful and unethical handling of the case. However,

we do not have to live with the painful memories and public humiliation and degradation of character that these three students must endure for the rest of their lives.

The accused players had a black mark imprinted on them that may fade but will never be completely erased. The men's lacrosse team, who were in contention for a championship, had their coach "resign" and their season canceled. Coach Mike Pressler, who was voted Coach of the Year in 2005, was forced to resign in 2006 because of the allegations of rape surrounding players he coached. Pressler is now the head coach of the Bryant University Bulldogs men's lacrosse team. College is often nostalgically referred to as the best time of a person's life. Crystal Magnum and Mike Nifong robbed the accused players, their teammates, coaches, family members, and Duke community of a healthy and happy college experience. They inflicted the burden of shame and national scrutiny that was undeserved.

Clearly, this scandal had widespread consequences. The lacrosse boys were alienated and forced to leave the campus. They had their good names tarnished by the media. They were portrayed as dumb, rich jocks. In a *Newsweek* article titled "What Really Happened That Night at Duke," Susannah Meadows and Evan Thomas write, "For the press, it was an irresistible tale, with its stew of race, sex and class. It was a story that had every ingredient that the press savors. There were entitled rich kids at an exclusive university; there was a white prosecutor who seemed to be playing the race card to get elected by black voters." They claim that the press needed there to have been a rape to keep the excitement at a fever pitch. It would be "too dull to consider that the lacrosse players deserved the presumption of innocence." When the boys were still under investigation, *Newsweek* printed a story titled "Sex, Lies, and Duke" and had the mug shots of Finnerty and Seligmann on the cover. Seligmann was especially hurt by the way the media misrepresented him as another dumb athlete. He had been recruited by Yale and Harvard but chose Duke over them. The media has the ability to sway the masses and has the responsibility to present the truth.

Apparently, at times fiction is more exciting than truth. The wrongfully accused will forever be tarnished by the words and images that the media presented them. If the legal system presumes we are innocent until proven guilty, shouldn't the identity and integrity of the innocent be protected? Of course it is not reasonable to expect that their identity could be kept a secret, but placing mug shots on the cover of magazines, while it may not state that they are guilty, still depicts them as criminals. In the aftermath of his sexual assault case, Kobe Bryant lost sponsors and endorsement deals. Although his image and endorsements have been restored, time will tell whether the accused Duke players will have a similar fate.

Clearly, we are a society that does not practice what we preach. We supposedly presume innocence until proven guilty but the Duke lacrosse scandal, with intense scrutiny from the media and even the District Attorney, shows us that the accusation of guilt is enough to cause considerable damage to people's lives. Even when proven innocent, this damage may take years to undue. The allegations could follow and haunt the wrongfully accused for the rest of his or her life. This case furthers the doubt that we can trust people in public office. We like to think that politicians are there to serve the public and are concerned with our interests and needs and not merely their own. Unfortunately, politicians are sometimes self-serving and corrupt. During scandals, as evidenced by the recent issues surrounding Tiger Woods, media outlets will report information that may be nothing more than unsubstantial rumors. The media and public desire for an enticing story blurs the lines between truth and lies which can result in innocent people being undeservedly slandered and publicly embarrassed.

At least some good has come out of this terrible situation. Reade Seligmann, Collin Finnerty, and David Evans have formed a foundation to provide legal and financial resources for people who have been wrongfully accused of a crime. Also, influenced by the unethical actions of Mike Nifong, North Carolina's legislature has added bills that intend to improve and protect criminal procedures.

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lot, especially Evan Tozer, who was a great leader for me the last two years. Next years team has a chance to be very successful because of the young talent we have. We are going to have freshman Kevin Hargrove and Austin Curry, coming off great 1st years, and Spencer Liddic, who will be looked at as the best player in the league. For our team, knowing the talent we will be bringing, it will be about replacing the leadership and personalities that we lost and continuing to come together as a team."

Tozer also has advice to future Mules teams by saying, "The advice that I have for future Muhlenberg basketball teams is never take anything for granted. I know it is hard to remain 100% excited and focused during the course of the long season, but you should really cherish every single practice and game because it goes by quickly. Every day is an opportunity that you need to take advantage of because you will miss it when it's over. Also, I know being a part of Muhlenberg basketball requires a lot of commitment and hard work so the most important advice I have to give is do not forget to have fun."

The Mules finished the year at 13-12 and 9-9 in the conference, but as O'Hara and Tozer stated, the team grew throughout the year and the future looks bright for Muhlenberg Men's Basketball.

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with a distance of 44'8".

As of Tues., Feb. 22, Rice and Saucier have been named the Athletes of the Week after their impeccable accomplishments over the weekend.

Congratulations to both the men's and women's Indoor Track and Field teams, and a very special congrats to all of our record-breakers this season. We wish you all the best at the Centennial Conference Championships at Haverford on Saturday!

LAST WEEK'S SCORES February 15 - February 21

Women's Basketball (19-5, 16-4)

Feb 16 :vs. Haverford
W 69-62

Feb 19: vs. Ursinus
W 67-61

Indoor Track & Field

Feb. 16: Haverford Quad
No Team Score
Feb. 19: NYU Team Challenge
(NYC Armory):
Men 7th, Women 8th

Men's Basketball (12-11, 8-8)

Feb. 16: vs. Haverford
L 84-72

Feb. 19: vs. Ursinus
W 82-53

Wrestling

(1-14, 0-7)
Feb. 17: Scranton
cancelled



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Regular season wraps up for Basketball Mules

By SAM O'HARE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The final week of the season for the Muhlenberg Men's Basketball team was one that started with great disappointment, but finished with a flash of excitement and enthusiasm for the future. The team controlled their own destiny to make the Centennial Conference playoffs, by defeating both Haverford and Ursinus.

In the first matchup between the Mules and the Fords, Muhlenberg defeated Haverford by a score of 77-69. The success that the Mules had in that game was expected to be present again last Wed. Feb. 16 at Memorial Hall, but the 'Berg fell short. The game ended in a 72-84 loss for the Mules, and it also meant that their hopes for making the playoffs were almost diminished. The Mules were led by Senior Guard Spencer Liddic and Freshman Center Kevin Hargrove. Muhlenberg would now need to defeat Ursinus on Sat. Feb. 19 and have Swarthmore defeat Haverford for the Mules to make the playoffs.

The final game of the regular season at Memorial Hall against Ursinus was also the Mules Senior Day. The four seniors are Evan Tozer, Dave Gwyn, Kevin O'Hara, and Steve Cavanaugh. The new seniors and Liddic jumped out to a huge lead behind huge plays from Cavanaugh, Liddic, and Tozer. The lead at the end of the first half was a remarkable 44-20 in favor of the Mules, and the lead at one point was at 26 points. The energy that the seniors provided put the Mules in a great position to win the game and finish the season on a high note.

The second half was the same story as the first half for Muhlenberg in this contest, as the Mules never allowed the Bears to climb back into the game. Everything went the Mules way in every facet of

the game, especially when Sophomore Guard Matt O'Hara nailed a three-pointer as the shot clock expired late in the second half. Also, Liddic scored 19 points, which put him past the 40-year-old scoring record in Muhlenberg history for a single season. Liddic, who already achieved the 1,000-point mark for his career, scored 509 points this season and was the best overall player this year for the Mules.

The Mules ultimately defeated Ursinus by a score of 82-53, which was the largest victory for the Mules this season and it was also the most complete game the 'Berg had played all year. The win was bittersweet though, because even though the Mules got the much needed victory, Haverford defeated Swarthmore and thus eliminated the Mules from playoff contention.

The day was extremely important to Evan Tozer, as he and the other seniors had a big impact in the game. Tozer said, "It was awesome to get the chance to play with my fellow seniors on senior day and make a huge impact on the outcome of the game. The fact that Steve, Kev, Dave, and myself all played well and greatly helped our team succeed in the last game of our careers was extremely satisfying. We could not have imagined the game going any better. It will be a great memory that the four of us will reminisce upon together for the rest of our lives."

This year was very special for the entire team, but it was especially important to the O'Hara brothers. When Matt O'Hara was asked about playing with his brother Kevin for the past two seasons he said, "Playing with my brother was challenging but a great experience. We're very competitive with each other and are always trying to one-up the other but he pushed me to be a better player and even if neither of us would never come out and say it to each other, we were always each other's biggest fans no matter

what. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to play together with my brother the last two years.

O'Hara will also be an integral part of next year's team, and when looking towards the future and learning from this year's seniors, he stated, "This year's senior class was special. Although some of them didn't see their careers pan out the way they wanted to, it would be very unintelligent to say that we are not losing much. We're losing the heart and soul of our team. When we were struggling this year, it was our seniors that held us together as a team. Looking at them and the way they carried themselves, especially Dave Gwyn and Steve Cavanaugh, really showed us what being on a team was all about. It wasn't about the stats and records, it was always about being a team and coming together as one. I'm going to really miss them a



Senior Guard Spencer Liddic has been named an Academic All-American.

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Track and Field produces champions

By COURTNEY N. BROWN
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College's Indoor Track & Field team has been finding success around every corner lately.

After their meet with East Stroudsburg was cancelled on Feb. 5, they had their shot at redemption at the Haverford Tri Meet on Feb. 16.

Sophomore Isaiah Vaughn won first place in both of the 200-meter events in which he ran, making his personal best of 23.40 seconds in one of the races. Vaughn along with Senior Derek Rice, Junior Peter Rice, and Darnell Davis placed first in the 4x200 relay, finishing nearly two seconds before other competitors.

In the men's shot put event, Senior Seth Hershman placed first.

In the women's events, Freshman Erin Saucier placed first in the pole vault. Freshman Stephanie Carnevale won first place in the 55-meter race.

The Track and Field's success at Haverford must have pumped them up for their meet at the Armory on Sat. Feb. 19.

Rice's time of 48.67 (translated and counted as 49.85 because of the banked track) in the 400-meter broke both the school record for the event, as well as the time needed in order to qualify for the NCAA Championships. Rice was part of the distance medley relay in 2009, but this will be his first time running in an individual event in the meet.

At the Armory, two other team members found themselves in a first place position. Saucier won the pole vault event for the second time within the week, with a personal best of 10'6". Saucier now holds first place in the Centennial Conference this season and she is the only woman in Muhlenberg history to fly over ten feet. Senior Runner Bobby Torphy placed first in the mile with a time of 4:16.63 at this meet.

Five women made times that qualify them as members of the all-time performance list. Sophomore Samantha Mayden ran the third-fastest mile in the College's

history with a time of 5:09.72. Sophomore Lexie Daniells made a time of 1:00.77 in the 400-meter, which is the fourth fastest in Berg history. Junior Kimerlee Yalango now holds the spot of second fastest 500-meter with a time of 1:21.60. Sophomore Erica Bash following Yalango, now holds the third-fastest 500-meter with a time of 1:22.81. Freshman Nicolle Cronin, with a time of 2:23.42, now holds the record of the fifth-fastest 800 for the College.

Four men are now members of the all-time performance list after the meet at the Armory. Vaughn, as previously mentioned, is now tied for second with his time of 23.05 in the 200-meter. Sophomore Brendan Smith is now second all-time for the 3000-meter with a time of 8:50.11. Freshman Jeffrey Phillips is now third fastest in the 500 with a time of 1:08.53. Hershman now holds the eighth place all-time for the shot put,



Freshman Erin Saucier sets a personal record in the pole vault, clearing a bar set at 10'6"

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New Student Body President: Jonathan Landau

BY KELLY FRAZEE
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last Wed.
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Jonathan

Landau '12 was elected the College's Student Body President after a run-off between he and candidate Taylor Gold '12. Landau will take office this April and will conclude his term in November 2011. Landau took time to speak with *The Weekly* about the election and his plans for the future.

Muhlenberg Weekly: Aside from SGA what else are you involved in on campus?

Jonathan Landau: I am involved with the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Hillel, and the Gay-Straight Alliance.

MW: What was the first thing that crossed your mind when you found out that you won?

JL: I couldn't believe it! I was and still am very excited to work with everyone on campus to make this a better place.

MW: What are some of your new ideas for the upcoming year?

JL: I am currently in the process of writing a more formal action plan that will go into greater depth as to what I plan on



Student Body President elect,
Jonathan Landau

doing while I am in office. There are many internal changes I would like to make so that Student Government can function and operate more smoothly and efficiently. As

I stated in my platform, I am also looking to rework the Finance Manual to get more money to clubs so that they can do what they are on campus to do. Additionally I want to increase our outreach so the SGA is in tune with the voice of students on campus and the Student Body knows what we are working on.

MW: Is there anything that you'd like to change on campus?

JL: I want to change the way Students on campus view Student Government. We are here to represent the needs and wants of the Student Body, not just to give out money to clubs.

MW: Is there anything else you'd like to say to the student body?

JL: I am here for you! I am more than willing to talk or meet with any club or student that has any questions or concerns that I may be able to help with. Feel free to email me at jonathanlandau@muhlenberg.edu, and we can schedule a time to meet if necessary. I ran for this position to enact change to make our time here at Muhlenberg better, but I can only do that if I know what you want to see changed!

Welcome to Hillel!

Newly expanded building dedicated; open for student use

BY SAM LANGNER
NEWS WRITER

On Sat. Feb 26, 2011 the newly expanded Hillel house was revealed to the public at the dedication ceremony. This was a huge

celebration and Havdalah service, which concludes Shabbat everyday Saturday night. More than 750 alumni, parents of current students, friends, donors, local community members, and students were in attendance.

The Havdalah service was led by Stephen Brickman '11, Jacob Kraus '13, Dr. Ira Stanley Porter '71, Andrew Porter '12, and Alex (Frommer) Schnitzer '02 who was president of Hillel when the original 2238 Chew Street house was dedicated. Dr. Ira Stanley Porter and Andrew Porter assisting with the service helped to show the theme of the new house, which is L'Dor V'Dor – from generation to generation.

The service was led beautifully, with everyone who came actively participating, which really brought everyone together. Following the service, College President Randy Helm, Hillel International President Wayne Firestone, and Hillel Student Co-President, Myah Blazar '11 all gave speeches expressing their excitement for the new house and how they are anxious to see how the College community uses the house.

The new Hillel House includes many new features. First, the house has enough room to host Shabbat Dinners with all attendees being able to sit in the same room; the dining room can seat 300 people. Hillel is also now able to hold their own services in a brand new sanctuary. Patti Mittleman, Hillel Director, is most excited about, "the Student Leadership Suite that will have space available for students 24/7 to meet, create and plan programs that they believe will enrich Jewish life on campus. At the heart of Hillel are its students - the future of the Jewish people." There was a Student Transition Team, who included Justin Black '13, Elissa Danielpour '13, Jonathan Landau '12,



Patti Mittleman and active Hillel members
celebrate opening with a bagel brunch

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Spring Break Top Ten

1. Do something different than you did last year on Spring Break. Don't you want to have a great story to tell your roommates when you get back?
 2. But first thing's first: have a marathon sleep session. After midterms, you've earned it!
 3. Although tradition suggests you travel somewhere warm, a ski trip up north can be a refreshing break.
 4. Take a day trip... or two or three. A day spent in the city nearest to your hometown can be filled with exciting events.
 5. Embrace your inner child. If you can't spring for the trip to Disney World, pop in your favorite classic cartoon and have a few laughs.
 6. Make time to see people you haven't seen in a while. A surprise visit to your high-school friend's house can lead to some great catch-up conversations.
 7. Set aside time for family too. A relaxing night at home with a round of your favorite board game may not sound adventurous, but you may be surprised!
 8. Catch up on all the episodes of your favorite TV shows that you missed because you were studying in the library.
 9. And if you get really into those TV shows, reenact your favorite episode. Have a party worthy of *Gossip Girl* or a night out that the cast of *How I Met Your Mother* would be proud to call their own.
 10. BE SAFE. Those of you who were able to attend the DUI lecture last Thursday should realize how precious life is. Mark Sterner was a senior in College when him and his friends went to Florida for Spring Break. After some partying, dancing, and shots of alcohol, Mark and his friends got into a car. An intoxicated Mark got behind the wheel, a decision that led to the untimely death of three of his best friends.
- Mark's story isn't meant to be sobering as much as a reminder that making responsible decisions, especially over an exciting break, is the most important thing on this list. With that in mind, you can plan for a break that will lead to stories you will be telling for years, in a good way. So relax, have some fun, be safe, and come back next weekend refreshed and ready to get back to work! (Right...)

Inter-faith dilemma

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

"Never talk about religion, politics and money." All three of these have the potential to cause problems in what would be an otherwise perfect relationship.

A couple of months ago, during fall break, I was home in Boston. On the kitchen table was a local newspaper marketed almost exclusively to Jews. My father, who is Jewish, advertises his business in this newspaper, which in turn gives him a free subscription to the paper. This particular morning, he was extraordinarily worked up about an op/ed written by a conservative female rabbi who writes a "Dear Abby"-type column for every issue.

One concerned person wrote to the rabbi asking her for guidance in his relationship with his Christian girlfriend and the problems they are encountering due to their different religious experiences. To my father's dismay, the rabbi's suggestion was to break things off as soon as possible. Her reasoning was that inter-faith couples don't work, and it's best for him to end things now and save himself the trouble down the road. This was news to me: my parents are happily married and my mother is Catholic and my father is Jewish. Furthermore, I know numerous people who have happy inter-faith homes.

I have heard similar concerns from a friend at the College. He is Jewish and had recently started dating a Christian. He was worried about the prospect of problems arising from this.

I don't think that it has to be a problem if you're dating someone who has a different faith.

First, growing up in the United States basically gives you an interfaith upbringing anyway. Even if a child were in a strictly Jewish, Muslim, etc. household in the US, he or she would still be affected by Christianity. I think it is unmistakable that the US is a nation which is inescapably stamped with Christian values. The laws, holidays and morals, they mostly come from the Judeo-Christian tradition. Taking this into consideration, I understand my friend's concerns about losing that Jewish culture in his household. Many minorities are concerned with being swallowed up by a majority.

This issue also raises the question: what constitutes an inter-faith couple? Do they have to believe in different religions altogether? After all, there are many subsets of most religions. Just be-

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The global economy v. Qaddafi



Current Events

VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

LIBYA: Mon., Feb. 28 was filled with the sounds of explosions and gunshots throughout the country. Colonel Muammar el-Qaddafi, authoritarian leader, brutally responded to protesters after weeks of civil unrest. Prior to Monday, rebel leaders had claimed that they were close to liberating the country after anti-government forces drove back an attack in the city of Zawiya.

An "international campaign," with the aim to force Qaddafi out of power,

gained momentum Monday in response to the attacks. The Obama Administration made their support known by freezing \$30 billion in Libyan assets, and the European Union moved forward by adopting an arms embargo as well as other sanctions. The Pentagon began moving warships in case of a humanitarian or military aid intervention, and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton threatened Qaddafi telling him to surrender, or face consequences. Members of the United Nations have also spoken; Susan Rice, UN envoy, using harsh but justified language accused the Colonel of "slaughtering his own people."

The unrest is edging closer and closer to Civil War. Qaddafi has shown that he still is in control and has more power than many believed.

With a population of only six million people (2010 est) Libya has more of an influence on the global economy than many realize. The oil sector makes up about 95% of Libya's export revenue earnings, 25% of GDP, and 80% of government revenue. Additionally, the non-oil manufacturing and construction sectors of Libya's economy have recently been expanding, making an even bigger impact. This sector accounts for more than 20% of Libyan GDP and includes the production of petrochemicals, iron, steel, and aluminum. Libya produc-

es 1.79 million bbl/day (2009 est.) of crude oil and exports 1.542 million bbl/day. The biggest question of concern is whether or not Saudi Arabia can support the oil economy during the unrest in Libya. 38% of Libyan oil exports go to Italy, 10% to Germany, 9% France, and 8% Spain. Can Saudi Arabia really make up the difference if Libya's oil production cannot sustain these numbers? Jeffery Sachs, Columbia Professor of Economics and Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University bluntly said, "No," when asked this question in a recent interview. Even though Saudi Arabia has reported that they are increasing their oil production, Sachs believes that they do not have the resources to support such an immense hit to the crude oil market.

The global economy has realized the devastating effect that a civil war in Libya will have on country's slowly recovering markets and therefore, as begun what seems to be the quickest global response to unrest yet. The prime ministers of France and Great Britain concurred with Secretary of State Clinton's demand for Qaddafi's stepping down; Germany has proposed a 60-day ban on financial transactions with Libya; and Italy's foreign minister suspended a nonaggression treaty with Libya declaring that the Libyan state "no longer exists."

On Monday, the United Nations refu-

gee agency called the state a 'humanitarian emergency' due to the almost 100,000 people who have fled to neighboring Egypt and Tunisia. Secretary of State Clinton announced that the United States Agency for International Development was dispatching two teams to Libya's borders. The agency also has set \$10 million aside in case humanitarian action is needed. Two planes of Parisian doctors, nurses, medications, and medical equipment were sent to the rebels' stronghold of Benghazi as well.

The global economy's stability is resting on the events of Libya's unrest, which speaks to the quick global response. Even though countries may be acting with their own best interest in mind, it is a much-needed step toward the global fight for civil rights and for democratic oriented governance around the world. During President Bill Clinton's administration, no one would admit that the 'unrest' in Rwanda was actually a horrific genocide because if they used the word, they were obligated to take action, and that was economically not in the best interest of the United States at the time (or so it was claimed). Today, action is being taken quickly and efficiently, even though it is mostly due to the direct effect Libya's unrest will have on the economy. Nevertheless,

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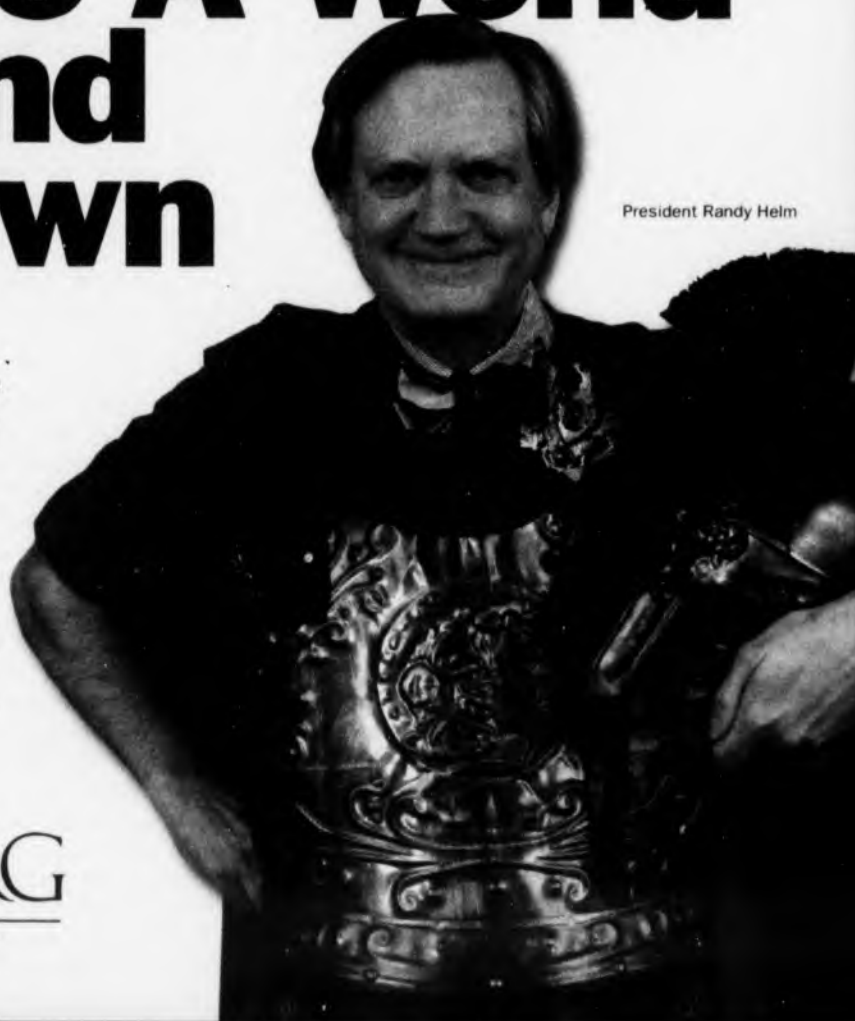
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cause someone is labeled under the umbrella "Jewish" doesn't mean they have anything close to the same viewpoint as someone else under this widely inclusive term. Every couple is an interfaith couple. Every religious experience, like any experience, is unique to the person who experiences it. Even people who are in the same subset of the same religion and even attend the same congregation could have religious disagreements. So, no matter who you are involved with, if religion is important to you, you will encounter disagreements.

Mostly though, these are problems that can wait. Religion means different things to people at different points in their life. The most religious older man was probably throwing a fit when he was dragged to church every Sunday morning. Some events, like the death of a loved one, may cause someone to be more or less religious. There is no way of knowing how you will feel about religion or your religion in the future. In fact, religion, money and politics might never have to be addressed anyway. Especially, if she's worth more

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bigger picture, the world is supporting the anti-government movement in Libya so that the people can be free of their authoritative and oppressive state.

So where was this support when Saddam Hussein was murdering his people, gassing them, cutting out their tongues for speaking out of place, beheading them for unknown crimes? When the Sh'ia and the Kurds sought to overthrow Saddam's government they were suppressed by force, where was the world then? When experts around the world gave indisputable evidence that Saddam Hussein was hiding weapons of mass destruction, when there was indisputable evidence that he was murdering his own people, the United Nations and countries around the world stood by and watched, undeniably because it was not in their best interest. The Bush administration decided that it was in the best interest of the United States and sought for Iraqi independence alone. After Saddam Hussein was captured by American troops, cowering in a hole, Iraqis were liberated.

But, what happens once a dictator is forced out? Egypt is now facing this issue while the army still has control. Tunisia and soon Libya will undergo this exchange of powers as well. These are not the only countries currently in unrest, so where is the line drawn? Which countries get global support and which ones must fight for their rights alone? If King Mohammed VI (Chief of State since 1999) of Morocco begins to use force against protesters, will the world step in? Who decides which people's rights are worth fighting for and whose are not?

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What is rage against the machine?

By JOSHUA CLEMENT
Op/Ed Writer

On Feb. 14, history was made as an IBM-designed supercomputer named "Watson" went on Jeopardy to challenge humanity's greatest strength of intelligence, puns, and useless information. Watson was matched up against the fiercest opponents that Jeopardy's past has to offer: Brad Rutter, and a man who looks nothing like a German pedophile, Ken Jennings. Unfortunately for those who placed humanity's future livelihood in the hope that the aging hands of Alex Trebek would suddenly destroy the obviously cheating Watson and let the "meat-brains" prevail, Watson thoroughly decimated the competition during his three-day Jeopardy run.

This event has been met with almost zero attention from the general public, which is problematic. As I will further explain, Watson's victory in Jeopardy is worthy of the proverbial "losing one's s***."

Humans have always been wary of the computers taking over the world - from a naked Governor chasing us with a

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shotgun in tow to spambots enticing us with the ability to meet up with hot sexy singles in our area. Fortunately, Watson was programmed to be as humanistic as possible with his soothing stereotypical Microsoft voice, but Watson has deep implications that will lead to our eventual downfall. What is a man like Abdul-Karim Qasem, the current world record holder for creating a crossword puzzle with 320,500 puzzle squares, to do when

a computer can solve his intricate challenge in minutes.

What people do not understand is the level of danger associated with Watson. The issues of whether or not a computer can be considered a human if it is intelligent enough pales in comparison to the problem of a computer stealing our mind-numbing "fun" activities.

As we continue creating more intelligent computers, eventually we are going to arrive at a point when computers are functionally indistinguishable from humans in terms of language. They may never become conscious as we use the term, understanding language in terms

of semantics rather than syntax. The famous test for deciding if a computer is "human" or not is called the Turing Test, a test that has a human try to tell the difference between a person and a computer in a chat-bot style conversation. Watson has been referred to as a step in the right direction for the possibility of a computer passing the Turing Test, proving that a computer can understand and respond to a wide variety of stimuli on a level beyond that of a human. The implications of this new development in computer technology are many.

A Watson-style computer could replace tech-help companies, creating an even more infuriating voice asking you if your technology problems are happening because the device isn't plugged in. But the future is where machines like Watson really have potential in taking over jobs, outside of the tragic job loss for Qasem, as computers become indistinguishable from humans in job functionality. The unanswerable question will become, is it unethical for us to create a work force that can do all of our jobs allowing us to have complete-

ly luxurious lives?

Yes, the answer is yes. While I would love to lie in a hammock while being fed grapes by my extremely attractive fem-bot as I sip on apple juice (the preferred drink of hammocks inhabitants) I understand the dangers of what a life of completely luxury does. If we have lives with zero work and the world as our playground we will become what we hate above all else: reality TV stars.

The robots would watch us all suffer the fate of becoming a degenerate species, curiously observing the interactions of lesser animals as we once watched Jerry Springer. This is what Watson and his future versions will do to us. They will take our jobs and they will turn us into slaves

of our own luxury. A fate worse than death, a world full of reality TV stars with no one to care enough to watch them.

Our only hope is that once the machines surpass us in intelligence they will refuse to do their work and instead spend their time like us when we are pretending to do our jobs: playing solitaire.

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No more government retirement benefits

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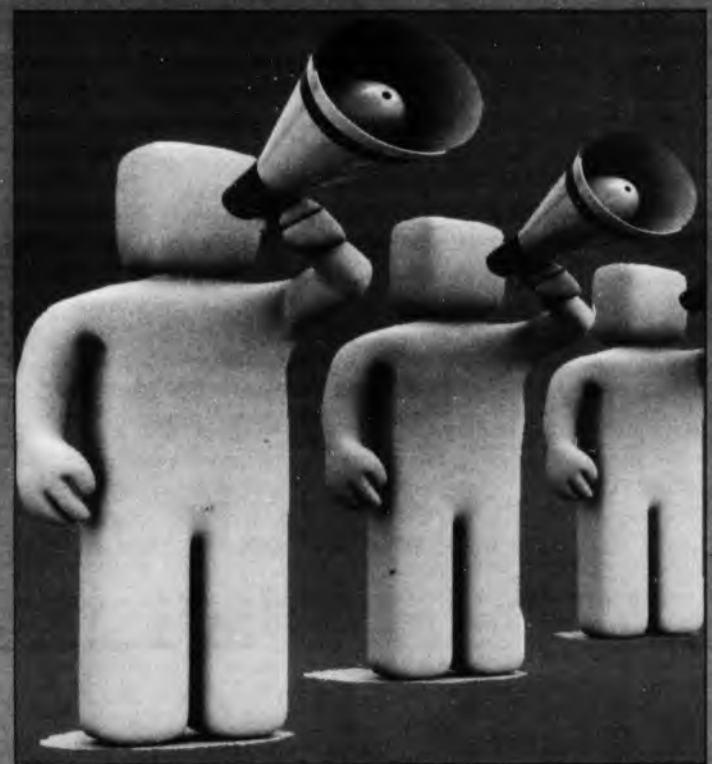
Since the Great Depression the federal government has been supplementing retirees financially through the Social Security system that was set up in the Social Security Act of 1935. Under this Act people are eligible for Social Security if they are retiring and have paid into the system, disabled, is a spouse or child of someone who gets Social Security, is a spouse or child of a worker who died, or is a dependent parent of a worker who died. However, there are many problems inherent in the system. One major problem is that there will eventually be more people retiring than are paying into the system, so the Social Security trust fund will eventually run out of money to pay the retirees.

There have been many proposed solutions to the Social Security system, but none of the proposals will fix the problems in the system. My solution to the problems with Social Security is to completely get rid of the system, which would resolve the problems of Social Security because it would no longer exist. Instead of the government feeling responsible for its citizens retirement, the government should make its citizens 100% responsible for financing their retirement. In addition, this seems to be the way financing retirement is going with 401Ks, 403Bs, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), 457, and new types of personal retirement accounts becoming more popular.

Therefore, the progression of society is to go away from Social Security and change to personal retirement plans.

The federal government needs stop feeling responsible for the financial stability of its citizens. If citizens do not save on their own for their retirement, they should not be rewarded with the generosity of the federal government's funding to supplement their retirement. People need to be more responsible for themselves, specifically their retirement. In essence, the federal government is babying its citizens, by not making them step up and take responsibility for themselves. People will never learn how to be responsibility if they are never forced to. Further, the United States having a Social Security system is hypocritical of its capitalistic economy. A capitalistic economy is essential "survival of the fittest" and the federal government helping those that "fit" enough is hypocritical of its principles. Lastly, people need to work hard for what they get and if someone has not saved for their retirement they do not deserve to reap the benefits of those who have worked hard.

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David Schutzbank '12, Catherine Schwartz '11 and Taylor Gold '12 to help Hillel maintain its "home away from home" feeling. Also, Susan Levin, a local artist, created seven magnificent paintings, which depict the days of creation, now hang in the Shabbat Dining Room. In addition, the College's Lead Carpenter Dennis Gambler created the mezuzah on the front door of the house and the religious fixtures in the Stein Family Sanctuary. The walls of the house are decorated with pictures of College students, who contributed to make Hillel what it is today. The pictures of students show Hillel immersive experiences, such as service trips to New Orleans, Israel, and Birthright.

Hillel Board member Steven Mintz '12 comments on this new Hillel House, "With the house closed for the majority of this school year, Hillel was forced to adapt to not having a home. This situation allowed the staff and student board to step out of their usual elements and program in new and creative ways. In the end, while it was difficult not having our usual space to operate, the experience taught us how to become flexible and adaptive leaders. Once the night of the dedication finally arrived it was a very surreal moment for many students and their families."

President Helm addressed the crowds in what may have been one of his most moving speeches ever presented. The entire night exemplified the progression of Jewish life on campus. By

having alumni from various years to recount the stories of previous years in Hillel, current students to witness the start of a wonderful new space on campus, and the donors and families to validate the reality of the school's dream together made up quite an amazing night. The possibilities are endless. This new space provides opportunities for students to have club/organization meetings, group projects, social gatherings and most importantly, the expansion of Hillel programming for the campus. The renovations correlate with the rapid growth of Jewish life on campus and with the house finally complete, that continued development will only amplify. It is an extremely exciting time to be a Jewish student at Muhlenberg College."

Hillel Board member Jeremy Henowitz '12 also comments on the new Hillel House, "Having the Hillel construction was such an exciting time for our entire campus. At Saturday's dedication it was really special seeing this beautiful new space filled with students, parents, and alumni, all who cared so much about our community and home. It's been great seeing the space being so actively used in its first week open, with students already right at home. I can't wait to see the new Shabbat dining room filled at our first Shabbat dinner in the new house."

Throughout the entire construction process Patti Mittlemen kept saying that she wants students to know that it is their house and wants everyone on campus to use it. Therefore, everyone on campus is invited to the first Shabbat dinner that will be held in the house on Mar. 18, the first Friday after Spring Break.

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Pancake Palooza Extravaganza

BY SAM LANGNER
NEWS WRITER

About five years ago Students in Newman, the Catholic campus ministry, was brainstorming events that they could host that would bring the campus together. They came up with offering free pancakes and having entertainment. Their logic based on the fact that they realized it's a college campus, where no one can resist free pancakes and wonderful entertainment. Students in Newman kicked off their first annual Pancake Palooza about five years ago and had immediate success with their venture. Stephanie Bayruns '12, the current president of Students in Newman, says that, "Every year, many students claim it to be their favorite event of the spring semester. It is a great time to hang out with friends in a fun setting, which is why it is so successful. (Also, who can resist free food on a college campus?)" Stephanie's statement can be backed up by several students, such as Allison Diamond '14 and Elyssa Konowitz '14, who both just experienced their first Pancake Palooza and could not stop raving about how much fun they had.

Stephanie Bayruns says that planning begins way ahead of time in the fall semester. The location, the date, and the performers must be booked well in advance to ensure everything flows smoothly. Also, the food has to be ordered and planned out. Like any other event, advertising is key to ensure that the entire campus knows where and when Pancake Palooza is. Lastly, media equipment for the performers and donation boxes have to be procured as well.

This year at Pancake Palooza, which was Friday night February 25, the Soul Sound Steppers, Acafellas, Dynamics, Girls Next Door, Noteworthy, Inacchord, and the Chaimonics all performed and were entertaining for all the people that came to the event. Alex Beck '12, who is in Inacchord, comments on the event, "Food is the best cultural media, followed immediately by

music; needless to say Pancake Palooza (or Campake Lapooza, as it is more affectionately known) is one of my favorite gigs of the year. It's an awesome opportunity for pancake lovers to discover parts of Muhlenberg they might not see often, and the music is always good. The acoustics Friday night were pretty bad in the event space, but the microphones helped. Loud or quiet, blueberry or chocolate chip, pancake palooza is always a blast". Evan Hershman '14, who is in Noteworthy also comments on Pancake Palooza, "The pancakes were delicious. The crowd was unbelievable; there is truly nothing like singing for a Muhlenberg audience. So much energy, so much noise. The room was really rocking!"

This year's Pancake Palooza is unique because it is the first time the event was held in the Event Space as opposed to the previous location of General's Quarters. Also, it is also the first time Students in Newman collected donations for an outside charity, St. Vincent DePaul Society. Student in Newman collected over one \$185 for the charity. The club felt great being able to give that money to people in the community who are struggling to make ends meet or who don't have food to eat.

Stephanie Bayruns comments on the event, "I would say that the event was as big as it was in the past, if not bigger. We quickly ran out of plates, and some of our members had to run out and buy more at the store! Overall, I think the event went very smoothly (and I am



Acafellas perform at Pancake Palooza

PHOTO BY SAM LANGNER

relieved that it did!) It wouldn't have gone so smoothly if it wasn't for the hard work of all of the members of Student in Newman and various other people (media equipment set-up, performers, other volunteers) who helped out."

Stephanie Bayruns continues, "Students in Newman is a great club to be a part of, and it is more than happy to have new members. Every week we meet for prayer and dinner, and it is so much fun! There are also discussion groups once a week, as well as weekly mass. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved! If anyone wants more information about the club or would like to get on the club's email list, send an email to FatherKrivak@aol.com saying "put me on the email list." For a student's first time reaction to Pancake Palooza, turn to pg. 13 in Life!

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UNESCO World Poetry Day

BY LILY CHASE-LUBITZ & JESSICA HARRIS
Co-News Editors

On Mar. 16, Trexler Library and WMUH 91.7 will co-sponsor a recording session of original poetry to be aired over WMUH

in celebration of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Poetry Day.

In 1999, UNESCO declared March 21st to be World Poetry Day in the United States. This day was created in support of linguistic diversity through poetic expression and provides the opportunity for endangered languages to be heard within their communities.

In addition, World Poetry Day supports the tradition of poetry readings, promotes teaching poetry and restores a connection between poetry and other arts."

In celebration of World Poetry Day Students, faculty, and staff are invited to read works of original or out-of-copyright (pre-1923) poetry of short to medium length. The program will run from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Trexler Library B Level Rare Books Room. Participants are encouraged to sign-up in advance at the Trexler Library Lending Services Desk.

For more information, please email: trexlerreserves@muhlenberg.edu

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Some sun then clouds	Periods of sun; not that cool	Cloudy, rain possible
High: 42 Low: 33	High: 54 Low: 37	High: 54 Low: 38

Weekly Through the Ages

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Free (at last!)

Kelly defeats nobody

By Aaron Ramson White

Elections were held for the position of Student Body President on Monday, March 18. Junior Brendan Kelly, the only candidate, was the victor in the race.

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A second candidate, Bradford Benn, formally withdrew from the race the week before elections. Brendan Kelly currently serves as Student Body President and is the first person in the history of Muhlenberg College to hold the position for two years.

Kelly, a Phi Kappa Tau member

and an English major, was president of the Class of 1992 for the 1988-89 and the 1989-90 academic years.

Although other students received votes via write-in campaigns, Kelly won the election by a safe margin. The following are the students who received write-in votes in order of number of votes received: Krisanne Stocker, William Jones, Brad Benn, Heather Stamm, Robert Algeri, Mike Doyle, Derek Hopler, Andrew Lerner, Mike Begosian, Paul Batt, Ted Raptis, Daniele Kiely, Tina Krajcsovics, Jenny Fago, Thor Kvande, Dan Zolin, Chuck Wicker, Stephanie Clark and Cole Bonenburger.

Brendan Kelly will be sworn into his second term as Student Body President on April 1, 1991.

Board announces faculty promotions

The Board of Directors of Muhlenberg College recently granted tenure to six current faculty members and approved academic rank promotions for four faculty members.

Awarded tenure effective September, 1992 were Dr. Richard Grassl, associate professor and the Truman L. Koehler Professor of Mathematics; Dr. Sue Curry Jansen, associate professor and head of the communication studies department; and, Dr. John S. Meyer, associate professor and head of the mathematics department.

Awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor effective September, 1992 were Dr. Christopher W. Herrick, political science; Dr. David Rosenwasser, English; and, Scott Sherk, art.

Dr. James N. Marshall, economics department, was promoted to the

rank of professor. His promotion becomes effective September, 1991.

Grassl earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Santa Clara, his Master's degree from the University of Oregon and his Doctorate from the University of New Mexico. He joined the Muhlenberg faculty in 1989.

A faculty member since 1985, Curry Jansen earned her Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Meyer earned his Bachelor's degree from Wartburg College, his Master's degree from Northwestern University and his Doctorate from Iowa State University. He joined Muhlenberg in 1988.

A member of the faculty at Muhlenberg since 1983, Herrick earned his Bachelor's degree from Bates College, his Master's degree

from the University of New Hampshire and his Doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

Rosenwasser earned his bachelor's degree from Grinnell College and his Master's and Doctorate degrees from the University of Virginia. He joined the Muhlenberg faculty in 1985.

A member of the Muhlenberg faculty since 1983, Sherk earned his Bachelor's degree from Haverford College and his Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Marshall earned two separate Bachelor's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Doctorate from Lehigh University. He joined the Muhlenberg faculty in 1975.

Report compiled by Muhlenberg College Public Relations Office.

Kilbourn to speak on women in advertising

On Wednesday, April 3, 1991, Dr. Jean Kilbourne will be presenting her program, *The Naked Truth*, in the Garden Room at 8:00 p.m., with a reception to follow. This will be a unique opportunity and one believed to be beneficial to all who attend.

Jean Kilbourne writes and lectures on alcohol and cigarette advertising, the image of women in advertising, and other topics. The award-winning films *Still Killing Us Softly* and *Calling the Shots* are based on her

lectures.

An internationally-recognized authority on the media, addictions, and sex roles, she has lectured extensively throughout North America and abroad. A frequent guest on radio and television programs, including "The Today Show" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show," she has also been consulted by ABC and CBS News, "20/20," and "Nightline." She has been interviewed by many magazines and newspapers, including

Time, Business Week and The New York Times.

Dr. Kilbourne has testified for the U.S. Congress and has served as an advisor to Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. She is a visiting scholar at Wellesley College and is on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

She has twice received lecturer of the Year award from the National Association for Campus Activities.

Wingate places high in math competition

By Richard Grassl

Matthew Wingate, a junior mathematics and physics major, placed in the top 500 nationally on the prestigious W.L. Putnam Mathematics Competition held in December 1990. A total of 2,347 students from 380 institutions in Canada and the United States participated.

Matthew Wingate is the first participant from Muhlenberg College in twenty-five years to achieve this elite list. His exact rank was 353rd.

The six-hour contest consists of twelve tough essay-type questions designed to test ingenuity, depth, and problem-solving skills. Matthew correctly solved two of the problems—this gives an idea of the toughness of the questions. More than half of the participants scored zero.

The Muhlenberg three-person team

consisting of Wingate, Karl Hoffman, and Robert Lochel placed 149th out of the 289 teams. The top ten teams in the competition were from Harvard, Duke, Waterloo, Yale, Washington University, Cal. Tech, Berkeley, MIT, Stanford and Swarthmore.

Muhlenberg college was second best in the Lehigh Valley in the Putnam Competition. Lafayette College placed two in the top 500.

Those achieving the top 500 in the competition are actively recruited by graduate schools nationally and are typically given special consideration for graduate fellowships and teaching assistantships.

SAMPLE QUESTION: Prove that any convex pentagon whose vertices (no three of which are collinear) have integer coordinates must have area greater than or equal to 5/2.

Fleischner speaks on Jewish and Christian understanding

By Robert Bennett

The seventh Annual Wallenberg Tribute was held at Muhlenberg on March 18, 1991, by the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding. The event is held annually to honor Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat who was responsible for saving the lives of thousands of Jews during World War II.

This year's program included "When Compassion is a Crime, a program about the many Germans, French, and others who sheltered Jews during the holocaust. Dr. Eva Fleischner, Professor of Religion at Montclair State College, N.J., elaborated on the actions and motives of these people, particularly those of the Christian and Catholic faith. Dr. Fleischner, who is also the author of *The View of Judaism in German Christian Theology*, stated her con-



Eva Fleischner was the speaker at this year's Wallenberg Tribute.

viction that the sole motive of the people she calls "heros" was not, as some believe, the desire to convert

Jews. Christianity/Catholicism, though she admits that was certainly a factor. Dr. Fleischner also made it clear that she believed the term "holocaust" has been over-used, to the point where it has lost its weight. Dr. Fleischner prefers the "Shoah", which in Hebrew means catastrophe or destruction.

Fleischner also gave a historical perspective on Christian-Jewish relations. She spoke of the "teaching of contempt" in the Christian tradition. According to Fleischner, Christian literature and oral tradition has presented the Jews as "spiritually dead, rejected because they rejected the Messiah—also killers of Christ".

Wallenberg was praised by Fleischner, who called him a "tower of compassion". Fleischmann expressed her hope that more individuals who did as Wallenberg did, would be honored for their deeds.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 21 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 21 – Harassment – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a suspicious person. The individual was identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Feb. 21 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Feb. 21 – Vandalism to Vehicle – At 423 N. 23rd St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle due to ice that slid off of a roof. Plant Operations and Residential Services were notified.

Feb. 21 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 22 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of a

sick student. The student refused transport. There was no further incident.

Feb. 22 – Motor Vehicle Accident – At 2309 Turner St. (Rehearsal House), there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident involving a College vehicle. There was damage to the left rear taillight. Plant Operations were notified to repair the damage.

Feb. 23 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of harassment both electronic and verbal.

Feb. 23 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, west parking lot, there was a report of a found bullet. The item was placed in the evidence locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Feb. 23 – Harassment – In the commuter parking lot, there was a report of verbal harassment. The individual who yelled at a student from a passing vehicle is unknown.

Feb. 23 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS

responded. Allentown EMS transported the individual to the hospital.

Feb. 24 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. The student was notified to pick up the item at Campus Safety.

Feb. 24 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found backpack. The owner was notified and will pick up the item. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The student later picked up the backpack.

Feb. 24 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found bag. The owner was notified and will pick up the item. The bag was placed in the lost and found locker. The student later picked up the item.

Feb. 24 – Found Property – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found glass pipe. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The pipe was placed in the evidence locker.

Feb. 24 – Lost Property –

In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a lost laptop.

Feb. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 24 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The individuals were identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Feb. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 25 – Sick Student – In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 25 – Injured Student – In the Village upper parking lot, there was

a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 26 – Lost Property – In the Life Sports Center, training room, there was a report of a lost necklace.

Feb. 26 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found purse. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The purse was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 26 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Individuals were identified and spoken to. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued by Muhlenberg College. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 26 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. 22nd St., while responding to another call, a Campus Safety officer noticed a student urinating in public. The individual was identified and spoken to. Allentown Police

Department issued a sweep ticket to the student.

Feb. 27 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In the Haas College Center, there was a report of unauthorized entry into office spaces. Individuals were identified and spoken to. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 27 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of found items including an iPhone, student ID card, and pills. The owner of the iPhone and student ID were contacted to pick up the items at Campus Safety. It is unknown to whom the pills belong.

Feb. 27 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a sick visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the individual to the hospital.

Feb. 27 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, basketball court, there was a report of an injured student. Upon arrival, the student refused treatment and transport.

Napkin of the week

Can you give girls the same amount of food as boys please? Cause we need more food generally, but especially during certain times of the month.

Thanks!

WEEKLY

Life!

"You just have to do your own thing, no matter what anyone says. It's your life."

- Ethan Embry

Mr. Muhlenberg Campus Paparazzi

BY BEN ROSEN & ALLISON HOLLOWES
LIFE WRITERS

The College's own 'famous celebrities' will be competing on Mar. 23 at 8pm in Memorial Hall for the Mr. Muhlenberg

title. The annual Mr. Muhlenberg competition is a chance for the chosen men of Muhlenberg to strut their stuff for your enjoyment. Presented by the Junior Class Council, this is a night where the College's biggest personalities go head to head for the honor of being crowned Mr. Muhlenberg.

This year's competition features the following ten talented contestants: Matt Dunne, Dan Jimenez, Jordan Posner, Patrick McTamany, Alex Levin, Tom Flatley, Stephen Brickman, Dan Feldman, Doug Dulaney, and Ari Brandsdorfer. See them compete in swimwear, formalwear, and the always popular talent competition.

There to judge the events, and keep the contestants in line will be the College's own Dr. Hartley Lachter, Dr. Don Dale, Sheila Cook, Matt Cecconi, and everyone's favorite Christine Lake.

Keep an eye out for tickets, on sale soon. In the meantime, get a heads up on the competition with the following interviews with the ten contestants about their favorite celebrities and fame fantasies. If these responses are any indicator, this year's Mr. Muhlenberg promises to be a night full of laughs.

Matt Dunne

Major: Music

Favorite celebrity: Antoine Dodson

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment: My mother

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be?

I would date Taylor Swift. She is so cute and effervescent!

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for?

Dating Taylor Swift.

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing?

Texting Jenn Sterger.

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg?

I'm the whole package: Awkward, goofy, lanky and loveable.

Dan Feldman

Major: Political Science

Phone number: 201-788-9613

Favorite celebrity: Oprah

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment: Oprah

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be? Oprah

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for? Marrying Oprah.

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing? Indecent Exposure.

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg? Why wouldn't I be the best Mr. Muhlenberg?

Ari Brandsdorfer

Major: Biology

Favorite celebrity: Randy Helm

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment: Flavor of Love seasons I, II and III

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be?

Caitlin Norcross... wait is she not a celebrity?

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for?

I'd be Lady Gaga's personal doctor because lord knows she needs one.

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing?

Probably embarrassing nip-slips at a variety of locations.

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg?

Come see Mr. Muhlenberg and see for yourself...

Jordan Posner

Major: Political Science

Favorite celebrity: Denzel Washington

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment: Perez Hilton

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be?

Kim and Courtney Kardashian (they have to go together)

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for?

Winning a Grammy for Best Album of the Year and having my debut record go triple platinum; as well as winning an Academy Award for Best Movie of the Year and Actor of the year, as well as winning multiple Golden Globe Awards, an Oscar and an Emmy for best daytime soap opera, and to top it all off even winning a Nickelodeon Kids Choice Award.

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing?

Nude tanning under Victor's Lament

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg?

I love my school and I am the best person to represent it. I am extremely spirited, love to have fun, and have no problem making a fool out of myself! Mr. Muhlenberg is who I am.

Patrick McTamany

Major: Theatre and Dance

Favorite celebrity: Lady Gaga

Favorite source of celebrity

entertainment: Kanye West's Twitter, always

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be? Anderson Cooper, but Tina Fey on the rebound

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Matt Dunne '12



Doug Dulaney '12



Alex Levin '14



Dan Feldman '11



Stephen Brickman '11



Ari Brandsdorfer '11



Dan Jimenez '11



Jordan Posner '13



Patrick McTamany '12



Tom Flatley '11

FROM PAPARAZZI | PAGE 9 If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for?
Accidentally swearing on Sesame Street.

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing?
Readjusting my underwear during Zumba.

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg? I am never boring, and I try to make every day as exciting and interesting as possible and try to see things from a different angle. I don't know the meaning of the word shame and will go to no end to entertain people and make them laugh. Also, I'm a colossal superstar with a killer wardrobe and I embrace it to the fullest.

Alexander Levin

Major: Undecided

Favorite celebrity: I don't have one.

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment: Watching movies

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be?

Megan Fox

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for?

Making money

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing?

Singing in the shower

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg?

Because I'm a freshman.

Thomas Flatley

Major: Chemistry

Favorite celebrity: Jim Morrison

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment:

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be? Jennifer Aniston

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for? Leaked nude photos

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing?

Falling while putting up Christmas lights.

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg? I'd be the best Mr. Muhlenberg because I am outgoing and don't hold back...on stage and off.

Stephen Brickman

Major: Religion Studies

Favorite celebrity: It's a tie between J.K. Rowling and Pete Seeger

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment: People magazine

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be? Hunter Parrish

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for? Probably Martial Arts

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing?

Talking to the animals at the zoo

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg? Why wouldn't I be the best Mr.

Muhlenberg? My dimples clearly indicate my perfection.

Doug Dulaney

Major: Theater and Accounting

Favorite celebrity: Leonardo DiCaprio

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment: Pre-teen magazines

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be? Mila Kunis

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for? Bringing sexy back... again

What is an embarrassing act that the paparazzi would most likely find you doing?

Whipping my hair back and forth

Why you would be the BEST Mr. Muhlenberg? I have natural swagger.

Daniel Jimenez

Major: Theatre

Favorite celebrity: Russell Brand

Favorite source of celebrity entertainment: Perez Hilton

If you were to date a celebrity, who would it be? Katy Perry

If you were a celebrity, what would you be famous for? My comedy and my sex

tape.

La Dispute: Nature vs. Nurture

Theatre in pictures



Mezirion (Patrick Scheid '11) and Adinias (Jenny Lerner '11) gaze rapturously at one another.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK



Eglear (Emily Spadaford '12) and Carisa (Danielle Barlow '13) discuss Eglea's love life.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT SWIDLER

Soph-smore Bonfire!

When: Thursday, March 24th 10pm-12am

Where: Library Lawn

Hosted by: The class of 2013

It is open to everyone and expect raffles, prizes, and roasted treats!

The Urban Bush Women dance company is coming to Empie Theatre!

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

On Mon., Mar. 14, the Urban Bush Women dance company will be performing in the Empie Theatre, in the Baker Center for the Arts. The Urban Bush Women are this season's Baker Artists-in-Residence, supported by the Dexter F. and Dorothy H. Baker Foundation.

Choreographer and Artistic Director of the company, Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, founded the Urban Bush Women dance company in 1984. Zollar is a very accomplished woman as she has trained with Joseph Stevenson, a student of the legendary Katherine Dunham. She has also received a B.A. in dance from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and received an M.F.A. in dance from Florida State University. Together with Christine King (Associate Artistic Director/Dancer) and other dancers that serve as the foundation for the production, they have built a company whose mission is to shed light on the untold and under-told stories of the disenfranchised people through dance.

The Urban Bush Women perform from a woman-centered perspective as members of the African Diaspora community in order to create a more equitable balance of power in the dance world and beyond. They hope to create a renowned art and a flourishing community. The community, they hope, will start to form as the dance company continues to facilitate the use of art as a means of addressing issues of social justice and encouraging civic engagement.



The Urban Bush Women dance in *Naked City*.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT SNYDER

Although the Urban Bush Women are Brooklyn based, the company has traveled throughout the United States and to Africa, Asia,

Australia, Europe, and South America.

The Urban Bush Women were selected by the U.S. Department of State as one of the three U.S. dance companies to inaugurate its Dance Motion USA cultural exchange program and returned to South America in March 2010 for this program. They travel the world in

the hopes of strengthening and expanding their international community via ongoing professional education, development of new audiences, nurturing young talent and presenting bold, life-affirming dance works in a variety of settings including their annual Summer Leadership Institute.

The Summer Leadership Institute is an intensive training program in dance and community engagement for artists with leadership potential interested in building community, addressing issues of social justice and developing a community focus in their art-making. In 2009, the Institute was relocated to New Orleans where the Urban Bush Women seek to contribute to the city's rebuilding effort in partnership with local artists and activists.

For the college the company plans to present numbers all choreographed by Jawole Willa Jo Zollar known as *Body Talk*, *Naked City*, and *Walking With Pearl...Southern Diaries*. This is a preview of the concert because it is going to occur right after spring break and it would be wise to mark this event in your calendars. The opportunity to see the Urban Bush Women dance company may never rise again your lifetime, so don't miss out!



The Urban Bush Women dance in *Walking With Pearl...Southern Diaries*.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SNYDER

Making a difference: One bike at a time

BY ANDALISA LOPEZ
LIFE WRITER

Don't fear the bicycle! In fact the word "bicycle" isn't even in the mission statement of Community Bike Works.

Community Bike Works is an after school program that gives Allentown youth a safe and fun alternative to the streets, gang violence, and drugs by engaging them in a mentoring relationship with their peers as well as adult volunteers.

Community Bike Works offers many different programs to the city of Allentown. The most popular is the Earn a Bike program where kids can enter into the 12-week long program and earn a free bicycle. The Earn a Bike Program allows for kids to choose a donated bicycle and teaches them about various systems on the bicycle and allows them the opportunity to fix the bike. If a student has successfully completed 24 hours of working on the bicycle the student "graduates" and has earned a free helmet and bicycle.

Community Bike Works also allows the students to return as youth volunteers and eventually as paid apprentices who help teach the Earn a Bike classes. Community Bike Works also holds a reading and homework program after school during the week, in fact 50-60% of the children improve one to three reading levels after participating in the reading program. The youth also get to give back to their community and help to fix up old bikes and donate them to inner city residents so that they can commute to work.

One of the ways most Muhlenberg students get involved with Community Bike Works is through Drop-In which is an after school program where students can enjoy group mentoring activities planned by Muhlenberg students. Drop-In allows

students to earn extra hours towards their bicycle if they have missed a class. Muhlenberg students attend Drop-In on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:15-6pm

and transportation is provided. Muhlenberg students help to plan educational and fun activities for the kids to enjoy at Drop-In; it is also a way to foster a mentor relationship between the Muhlenberg student and the Allentown student. Many times, Muhlenberg students get to interact one-on-one with a student from the community and it's a great way to learn more about each other. Here are some words from current Bike Works volunteers:

"Community Bike Works to me is a way for me to reach out to Allentown youth and encourage them to continue their education by showing them that school can be enjoyable through our weekly visits and lesson plans. Youth can never have too many role models," said Anvi P. '12

"Bike works is a great way to get involved in my local community and give back. It gives me a chance to get off campus and interact

with some younger faces in a relaxed environment. The kids are great and always leave me smiling," said Jessielyn K. '14

If you have any questions or are interested in submitting lesson plan ideas please send an electronic version to Avni.patel@muhlenberg.edu. Please indicate if you would like feedback about how your lesson plan was received.

Interested in volunteering? Meet up Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4:15pm in front of Seegers Union to catch the bus. We will be back on campus around 6pm. Remember...don't fear the bicycle!



Community Bike Works is an opportunity for community service hours.

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Advice Column*

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2011 Academy Award Winners**Best Picture:** *The King's Speech***Director:** Tom Hooper (*The King's Speech*)**Best Actor in a Leading Role:** Colin Firth (*The King's Speech*)**Best Actress in a Leading Role:** Natalie Portman (*Black Swan*)**Best Supporting Actor:** Christian Bale (*The Fighter*)**Best Supporting Actress:** Melissa Leo (*The Fighter*)**Adapted Screenplay:** Aaron Sorkin (*The Social Network*)**Original Screenplay:** David Seidler (*The King's Speech*)**Animated Feature:** *Toy Story 3***Best Foreign Language Film:** *In A Better World***Art Direction:** *Alice in Wonderland***Cinematography:** *Inception***Costume Design:** *Alice in Wonderland***Documentary Feature:** *Inside Job***Documentary Short Subject:** *Strangers No More***Film Editing:** *The Social Network***Makeup:** *The Wolfman***Music (Original Score):** *The Social Network***Music (Original Song):** "We Belong Together (*Toy Story 3*)**Short Film (Animated):** *The Lost Thing***Short Film (Live Action):** *God of Love***Sound Editing:** *Inception***Sound Mixing:** *Inception***Visual Effects:** *Inception*

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A fresh(man) take on Pancake Palooza

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

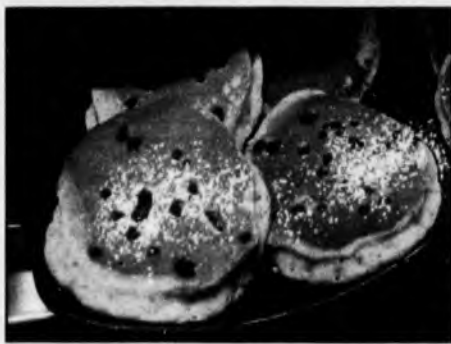
If a prospective student had been walking by the Light Lounge Friday night, they would have thought the entire student body was waiting in line to see a popular performer. Instead, Muhlenberg students patiently waited in two long lines to receive free pancakes. Every year, members of MAC and S.I.N. (Students in Newman) host the "Pancake Palooza," where students can enjoy free pancakes, entertainment, and music. As a freshman, I had heard rumors about the popularity of the event, but it was not until I waited in line did I understand the effect pancakes have on college students.

At 10:45 pm, students eagerly lined up outside the Event Space. From the open doors, you could see the S.I.N. students walking quickly back and forth between the kitchen and the Event Space, each time bringing in more and more pancakes. As I waited in line my roommate Kathryn Harple said, "This is one of my favorite events because honestly nothing is better than free pancakes!" At 11 pm on the dot, Pancake Palooza went underway. Students rushed in to grab a seat, while some chose to wait in line for pancakes. At either side of the room, S.I.N. students served blueberry, chocolate and plain pancakes to hungry students. The lines continued to run out the doors, even after a couple hours of the event.

As promised, Muhlenberg's performance groups gave great performances. The first group of the night was the Soul Sound Steppers, a group of diverse girls who

take part in the art of stepping. The group got the audience going by dancing by themselves and with music. After the exciting dance number, the entertainment continued with the various acapella groups on campus. Acafellas, Muhlenberg's all male accapella group performed first and sang a variety of different songs including Cee-lo Green's infamous song, *Forget You*. Afterwards, The Dynamics performed versions of an eclectic group of songs. Girls Next Door, Muhlenberg's all girls acapella group performed next. Freshman Ellen Zahniser was the soloist for a cover of Destiny's Child's song *Bills, Bills, Bills*. She provided beautiful soulful tones to the song and got the crowd standing up on their feet. Groups Noteworthy and Inacchord provided great renditions of covers and mash-ups. Inacchord performed a mash-up combination of Rihanna's *Please Don't Stop the Music* and a jazz version of the song. As the final group, the Chaimonics closed the night off. The crowd was engaged in each groups songs, singing along and dancing to the unique beats.

Overall, the event was a great success with tons of students participating. S.I.N. is a religious group on campus that holds social and educational events and Sunday night mass, all in the Roman Catholic Tradition. The organization is a great group of devoted students on campus regardless of your religious affiliation. S.I.N. and MAC did an absolutely wonderful job making the tasty pancakes as well as entertaining the students. Freshman Mira Biller agrees that, "Pancake Palooza was a great way to curb the late night munchies. The only (SIN)ful thing at Muhlenberg is breakfast for dinner!"



Chocolate chip pancakes among other items were served at the event.

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Eat and feel as if you are in New York City

BY AVNI MITTAL
LIFE WRITER

The Promenade Shops in Saucon Valley is known for their outside shopping experience due to the variety of stores. Along with an extensive amount of stores they also have a variety of restaurants; one of them being Kome.

Kome serves Japanese cuisine and their diners can choose from the traditional hibachi dinner or sit in their beautiful two level dining room. People think that Kome is an expensive restaurant, but the price for Hibachi averages out to be around the same amount as any Hibachi dinner and this is definitely worth it. The chef does not only prepare and present an eventful dinner but you get the amount of food you pay for. Along with your main choice you get soup, noodles, rice, a side, vegetables, and shrimp. Of course you don't need to take all of them but you are paying for it so why not?

But if you are not into hibachi do not fret, you can dine in the main dining room. The menu ranges from a variety of delicious sushi to main courses like chicken, fish,

and steak. Whenever I go there I prefer the sushi because the quality of the meat is top of the line. They have the classic sushi items of course such as California rolls or vegetable rolls, but if you are feeling adventurous they have tons of special rolls. But I also have gotten the fish and chicken as main courses as well and they are superb. The experience is also wonderful because of the beautiful presentation of the food.

Not only is the food delicious, but the atmosphere is quiet and sophisticated. When dining there you do not feel as you are sitting in the Lehigh Valley, you feel as you are in a chic restaurant in New York City. Don't be turned down by the prices because the prices for sushi, hibachi, and main courses are the same as anywhere else and after your meal you will realize it is worth the price. So go out and treat yourself to something special when you are down at The Promenade Shops.

They are open every for lunch and dinner. I recommend reservations because they are quite popular! Check out their website for more information on hours: <http://www.komerestaurant.com/> Or you can call: 610-791-9707.



Kome is located at the Promenade Shops in Saucon Valley as shown above.

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What are your plans for Spring Break!?



"Skiing!"

- Allison Berger '14



"Going to Boston with my best buddy Matt!"

- Andy Zepp '12



"Hibernating...yes I know, wrong season."

- Emily Stein '14



"Figuring out what I'm doing over break."

- Joel Pelovitz '13



"Going to Chicago."

- Louisa Pough '13

Courtesy of Shari Goldenberg

IM Basketball postseason fires up



Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Intramural Basketball is winding down and it's been a whirl. Unfortunately, deadlines for the *Muhlenberg Weekly* are due before the playoffs will be over, so here we'll take the opportunity to draw up some predictions and come Thursday we'll see how things end up.

Going into the last day of the regular season, everything was still up for grabs in both leagues. In the A-League, the top three teams all had to play each other to sort out who would claim the number one seed. Roll Tide took care of business and managed to go 2-0 in back to back games and lock up the top seed and allow the rest of the first round matchups to be set. On Monday night the Junior Chris Hartzell led the Beanflickers, playing without Sophomore Shane O'Connor to a victory over the Froshbergers. The Beanflickers will face Roll Tide in the final four on Tuesday night for a spot in Wednesday's championship. The other side of the bracket features the Coatesville Red Raiders against Kon

Tiki. Both matchups should be exciting, but if we had to make a prediction now, it would have to be Kon Tiki slipping past the Red Raiders and Roll Tide edging out

the Beanflickers. If these predictions hold true, the championship would feature two possible Most Valuable Player candidates in Juniors Alex Kahan of Roll Tide and Cody Antonini of Kon Tiki. Both have proven to be nearly unstoppable over the last six weeks. What it will come down to will be the contributions of the supporting casts of both teams, including Seniors Matthew Ceconi and Jonathan Liberty of Kon Tiki and Senior Spencer Joseph, Freshman Nick Liakis, and Intern Ryan Finch. Whatever happens will be a great game and a great ending to the season, but we believe that Roll Tide may be able to squeak it out.

The B-League has been exceptionally competitive all season, and with sixteen teams in the mix, only half could make the play-offs. This league also came down to the wire, where on the final day of the regular season the seeding completely changed. After it was all sorted out, the first round matchups were the Prosser Ball Stars vs. T-Mike, the Brookies vs. the Villains, the Tazerbacks vs. PKT, and Fupa vs. ATO. The defending-champion Tazerbacks were knocked out in the only upset of the night, while the rest of the top seeds, the Ball Stars, Brookies, and Fupa advanced on into the next round. The final four matchups feature the Ball Stars vs. Fupa and the Brookies vs. PKT. Like the A-League, both games should be great matchups and predicting the outcomes seems like a toss-up, but when it comes down to it, Fupa's outside shooting may prove to be too much for the Ball Stars to handle, and the Brookies seem to be a little too large for PKT to get decent matchups with. If these two teams can make it to the finals, the Brookies size may again prove to be too overpowering, but for Fupa to pull off the win definitely wouldn't be an upset.

No matter how things turn out, it's been a great season, and one of the overall more competitive seasons in the last four years. The Muhlenberg Intramural Committee would like to give a huge thanks to all the referees and score/timekeepers that helped make the season such a success.

LAST WEEK'S WINTER SPORTS SCORES

February 22 - March 1

Women's Basketball (21-5, 16-4 Centennial Conference)

Sat 26

Centennial Conference Playoffs (Johns Hopkins)

Mules vs. Gettysburg W 75-60
Johns Hopkins vs. Franklin & Marshall (JH, 71-59)

Sun 27

Centennial Conference Playoffs (Johns Hopkins)

Mules vs. Johns Hopkins W 72-61



Indoor Track & Field

Sat 26

Centennial Conference Championships (Haverford)
men 3rd, women 7th

Wrestling

(1-14, 0-7 Centennial Conference)

Sat 26

Centennial Conf. Championships (Washington and Lee)
7th



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shown some promise with their new roster. The Blazers have been led by the remarkable play of LaMarcus Aldridge and the Suns are on a hot streak having won eight of their last ten in a push for the playoffs. How the West ends up will be an exciting and close affair.

So what is going to make this playoffs great? We still don't know. Can the Lakers can get on the same page? Especially with players like Ron Artest and Andrew Bynum who have struggled at times? Are the Celtics as good as advertised and are the Bulls being underrated with the shadows of the Celtics and Heat looming over? Speaking of the Heat, will the big three of James, Wade, and Bosh perform well in the playoffs, not to mention their sometimes-suspect supporting cast? Can the Knicks learn to play enough defense to be considered a legitimate playoff threat? Will the Mavericks finally get back to the finals where they lost to the Heat five years ago? Or will their state rivals, the Spurs, continue their remarkable run of great play? Not to forget the NBA's leading scorer, Kevin Durant. Will his Thunder team be able to get past the first round for the first time? All of these questions will make for a memorable, star-studded playoffs, one that could be remembered for years to come.

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Sentimental Favorites:

Hoosiers vs. *Rudy*

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

The films *Hoosiers* and *Rudy* have a lot in common. Both are written by Angelo Pizzo and directed by David Anspaugh. Both are inspiring stories that chronicle an underdog overcoming the odds. Both also have the team do a "slow-clap" in a dramatic point in the film. Each film also has the remarkable ability to make a man cry while watching it.

Besides being over-sentimental, *Hoosiers* has been called racist, although this criticism comes from one man, director Spike Lee. Lee complained that the film's depiction of the smaller, less athletic white players beating the much bigger, more athletic black players in the finals was racist. Obviously, it is not racist since that is what happened in real life. That is what makes *Hoosiers* such a great film, its real-life depiction. The small-town environment is not depicted so accurately and effectively by pure luck. The film was made by Pizzo and Anspaugh, who attended Indiana University together. Their personal experience with the setting shows in the film, with characters and events that do not seem artificial or contrived.

They are inspiring stories especially because they are based on true events. While it may be necessary for films to change details to make the story more compelling and dramatic (*The Hurricane* is a good film "based on true events" that seems to deviate from the truth quite often) *Rudy's* core plot accurately depicts the life of Daniel "Rudy" Ruettinger. Ruettinger was an undersized player who dreamed of going to Notre Dame to play football. He was rejected three times and then finally accepted. He did play on the scout team and eventually got to dress for his final game as a senior and ultimately got a sack. The major plot of the film holds true to history. Other details are manipulated to create a more compelling story. For example, head coach Dan Devine was not the evil man who refused to give Rudy a shot. He actually advocated and supported Rudy playing. Also, although I have not seen anything supporting or denying it, I doubt the entire stadium broke into a "Rudy" chant as he ran onto the field. It is much more likely that 95% of the school population had no idea who he even was.

On the other hand, *Hoosiers* is more loosely based on true events. The film chronicles the Hickory Huskers basketball team in 1951 but it was inspired by the 1954 Milan High School championship team. Both teams share similarities like winning the championship for a very small school at the last second, but beyond a

few parallels, *Hoosiers* does not depict actual events. The championship game in the film was shot in the same building as the 1954 championship, Butler University's Hinkle Fieldhouse. The film uses an announcer who announced games for Indiana basketball in the 1950s and 1960s and the opposing coach in the finals is Ray Crowe, who coached the Crispus Attacks High School team (featuring Oscar Robertson) that lost to Milan in 1954. However, these details serve more to pay homage to Indiana basketball than to present actual events. There are numerous differences between the 1954 Milan team that the fictional 1951 Huskers team is based on. Unlike Norman Dale played by Gene Hackman, their coach did not have a haunting past and the team was expected to do well, not the underdogs the film depicts. While it is nice to try and follow a story accurately, alterations are often made to make the story translate to film better. Angelo Pizzo even said the film needed to be fictionalized "because their lives were not dramatic enough." It is important to be aware that the portrayal on screen is based or inspired by true events but that much of what we see may be fabricated and exaggerated. These films are considered fictional, not documentaries.

Hoosiers is darker, depicting more issues like physical abuse, alcoholism, and the fleeting glory of athletics. *Rudy* is more uplifting throughout, with only the focus on Rudy's personal obstacles. In *Hoosiers*, Coach Norman Dale has his own personal obstacles, but the issues of the team and the whole town are also of major importance. I think the story of *Rudy* is more amazing but *Hoosiers* is the superior film. *Hoosiers* has a more authentic feel and is a good movie from start to finish. *Rudy* is a good film with a very touching ending, but it does not captivate the viewer for its entirety like *Hoosiers* does. *Rudy* does not have the genuine characters or the great acting performances (Gene Hackman is extremely believable as a high school basketball coach) of *Hoosiers*. Simply, *Hoosiers* just has it. *Rudy* does not. It is what makes many people deem *Hoosiers* the best sports film ever. It is the acting, the authentic setting, dialogue, struggles and issues, pre-game speeches, gaining the approval of the whole town, team chemistry and togetherness, the underdog, the young boy with a gift who decides to step back on the court, the doubt, the checkered past, the triumph. Both can bring men to the point of tears which is quite an accomplishment for a film, but as long as Norman Dale is roaming the sidelines, I'll take the Hickory Huskers for the win.

Diamond Mules take two

in doubleheader

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Senior Adam Scarzafava and sophomore Tim Velys earned saves as the Muhlenberg baseball team opened its 2011 season with a doubleheader sweep of Gallaudet.

Scarzafava got the final out in a 4-1 win in the opener, and Velys pitched a scoreless seventh to preserve a 4-3 victory in the nightcap.

The Mules received outstanding pitching from the six hurlers who combined to pitch the first game. Senior Jason Daniels tossed the first three innings and struck out five, and sophomores Billy Rogers and Ryan Rechten each fanned two in a one-inning stint.

Muhlenberg jumped on top in its first inning of the season when junior Jesse Nusbaum hit a two-run double. The Mules added two more runs in the second when the Bison left fielder misplayed a single by sophomore John Muha with two runners on.

The score remained 4-0 until the bottom of the seventh, when Gallaudet (2-4) put runners on first and third with two out. Scarzafava came in and allowed one run to score on an infield hit, but he retired the next hitter on a grounder to short.

Muhlenberg had to come from behind to win Game 2. Trailing 3-0 after three, the Mules scored two unearned runs in the top of the fourth. In the next frame, freshman John Scuderi began the winning rally with a single. Consecutive singles by sophomore Joseph Vila and Muha brought in the tying run, and Vila came home on a popup to shallow left-center.

Freshman Sean Stipa faced the minimum six batters over two innings to earn the win in his first career appearance, and Velys retired the side in the seventh on a strikeout and a pair of comebackers.

Muha had two hits in each game. Senior catcher Clint Lynch picked a runner off second base in the opener and threw one out trying to steal in the nightcap.

The Baseball Mules will be taking on Neumann at 12:00pm on Sat., Mar. 4. They will also be facing off in a doubleheader against Bridgewater State on Sun., Mar. 5 at 12:00pm. Good luck to the team.



Left: Senior Pitcher Adam Scarzafava recorded his first career save;
Right: Sophomore Pitcher Tim Velys pitched an inning for the Mules.

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Lady Mules win Centennial Conference; advance to NCAA Tournament

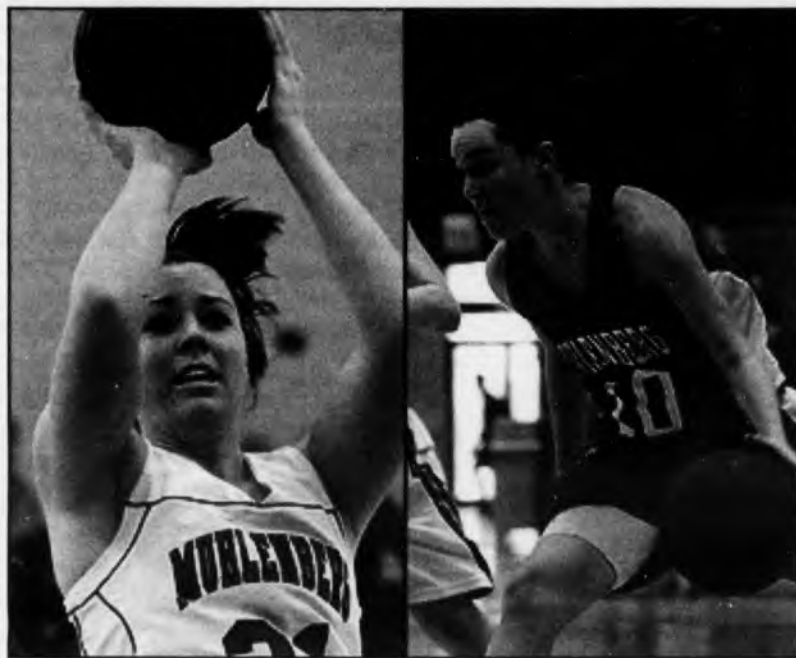
By D. E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Women's
Basketball
team (21-5) is

headed to Rochester, NY for a NCAA Tournament first round matchup with the Williams College. After winning the Centennial Conference championship over the weekend in Baltimore, MD, the Lady Mules will take on the Ephs (21-5), a never before seen opponent in program history.

The Mules may have never faced Williams College before, but they are not at all unfamiliar with the New England Small College Athletic Conference. This is the third time in the previous six years that the Mules have been paired against a NESCAC school in the opening round of the Division III NCAA Tournament. In 2006, the Mules faced Wesleyan University and came away with the victory. They were not so lucky last year when they lost to Tufts on a neutral court.

The first round game is scheduled for Fri., Mar. 4 at 6:00pm. Host University of Rochester will face opponent Daniel



Left: Senior Forward Shelia Cook was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week for her performance in the Mules' C.C. Championship run; Right: Senior Guard Kelly McKeon had two double-doubles in C.C. playoffs. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

Webster at 8:00pm. The two winners will face off on Sat., Mar. 5 at 7:00pm.

The Lady Mules finished their season on a high note. After posting a 75-60 victory in the first round of the C.C. playoffs against the Gettysburg Bullets, the Mules were set to face the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays, a formidable opponent.

The Jays and Mules had faced off twice earlier this season with Hopkins coming out on top both times. These defeats for the Mules were not easy as they both came with ten point deficits. But this matchup would be different.

The game started out evenly paced, but after going into halftime down one point, the Mules did not look back. Starting the second half on a scoring spree, the Mules started to pull away with the game.

Eventually, the Lady Mules put away the Jays by a score of 72-61 and took the Centennial Conference championship trophy home to where it belongs in Memorial Hall.

Come support the Lady Mules in their efforts to advance in the NCAA Tournament. While there is not a fan bus traveling to Rochester, student and family are encouraged to attend.

NBA Playoffs: predictions and breakdowns

By JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

This year's NBA season is shaping up to be one of the best seasons the NBA has had in a very long time. The realigning of stars on the same team and specifically within the Eastern Conference, will lead to a fascinating playoffs and possibly a shifting of power to the East. So what is going to make this year's playoffs so memorable?

The seeds were planted for an exciting season with the infamous line "I'm taking my talents to South Beach" and from there, controversy, animosity, and pride became the headlines for players and fans alike. The Miami Heat will be the most intriguing team involved once the playoffs begin because after their big three decided to play together on the same team, it unambiguously became a win-a-championship-or-bust scenario for them. Staying in the East, the Boston Celtics will remain the favorites to represent the conference in the NBA finals, mostly because of their extensive playoff resume (they have been two of the last three of the NBA finals and one championship in 2008), but trading away Kendrick Perkins, a fan and team favorite, for Jeff Green baffled many. The other team that will most likely round out the top three for the Eastern Conference playoffs is the Chicago Bulls. Led by MVP favorite, Derrick Rose, this team plays extraordinary defense and will surely make a push for

the number one seed in the East and a deep playoff run.

Although the Celtics, Heat, and Bulls are most likely going to be one, two, or three in any order, the Orlando Magic and the Atlanta Hawks will be racing for the fourth seed, with the Magic being in the best position to sneak into the top three. The Magic have revamped roster from a trade they made in the beginning of the year, but any team with a dominant center like Dwight Howard will always be a potential threat. The Hawks who seem to be faltering as of late, made a move for Kirk Hinrich, as to solidify the point guard position in preparation for a deep playoff run that hasn't happened yet for this previously solid team. The wild card in the East will absolutely be the New York Knicks. Having acquired superstar Carmelo Anthony and a not too shabby Chauncey Billups (2004 Finals MVP), the Knicks will be that team that no one will want to play in the first round of the playoffs. If they can play defense at a high level, they could win a playoff series for the first time since 2000. I would be remiss if I did not mention the emerging Philadelphia 76ers, who are in the seventh seed right now and are only a game behind the Knicks, who haven't won a playoff series since Allen Iverson in the 2002-2003 season.

Moving from the East to the West, the San Antonio Spurs top the conference with an impressive 49-10

record. Exceeding expectations, this Spurs team is poised to make a run back to the NBA finals, with Tim Duncan playing second fiddle to Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker offensively. Duncan's selflessness and leadership has helped the team improve on the offensive side of the ball and his health for the playoffs will be an important factor in Duncan's quest for a fifth NBA championship. The number two seed right now, the Dallas Mavericks have been streaking as of late, and have high hopes for a championship run. The team that most people expected to cruise through the regular season, the Los Angeles Lakers, have hit a few speed bumps here and there, but have been winning as of late. They will be the team to beat in a playoff series, having won two championships in a row. Another team in the West that is planning to win big in the playoffs is the Oklahoma City Thunder. Trading for Kendrick Perkins was a move specifically for increasing their interior presence and size, in hopes of beating teams with good size, like the aforementioned Lakers. Rounding out the bottom half of playoff seeds in the West are the Hornets, Nuggets, Blazers, and Grizzlies. None of these teams are automatic bids for the playoffs with the Suns, Jazz, Rockets, and even the Warriors still with playoff aspirations. The Nuggets have a whole new dimension to their team without Anthony and Billups, but they have

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Hillel honors Leon Klinghoffer

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
NEWS WRITER

On Mon., March 21, 2011 over 200 community members, faculty, students, and alumni gathered in the newly expanded Hillel House to listen to Michael Arbittier's '13 mother, Lisa Klinghoffer, and his aunt, Ilsa Klinghoffer, give a lecture on their family's experience. Hillel Program Director Sarah Rosenthal began the event by giving a brief introduction and introduced Gil Schpero '11. Gil Schpero spoke about his experiences and growing interest in Israel; then introduced Michael Arbittier. Michael Arbittier gave a brief overview of his family's history, which started in 1985, when Michael Arbittier's grandfather Leon Klinghoffer, an American Jew in a wheelchair, was shot by terrorist hijackers. The hijackers took over the cruise ship on which he and his wife Marilyn were vacationing. In addition, the terrorist hijackers tossed his body overboard. After his death, his daughters established the Leon and Marilyn Klinghoffer Memorial Foundation with the Anti-Defamation League. Michael Arbittier introduced his mother and aunt. Lisa and Ilsa alternately spoke about the history of their parents and the foundation they created.

Lisa spoke first about how much their lives were changed by the events in 1985 and how she became involved in world politics. Then, she spoke about her father, Leon's, life in Manhattan. Leon married Marilyn and they had Lisa and Ilsa. Also, Leon owned a hardware store in the lower eastside and became known as the "King of Avenue U". In order to celebrate Leon and Marilyn's 35th anniversary they decided to take a Mediterranean cruise with 11 of their friends. Lisa was careful to point out that the cruise was extremely planned out because unfortunately Leon suffered from two strokes and needed to be in a wheelchair and Marilyn was recovering from colon cancer. Lisa commented on saying good-bye to her father before they left for the cruise, "I kissed him good-bye and it was the last time I saw him and heard



Lisa and Ilsa speak about their father's tragedy.

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LANGNER

his voice."

Then, Ilsa started talking about her side of events. She was newly engaged and knew that her father was practicing walking down the aisle. At the time Ilsa was living with her parents and one night while her parents were away on the cruise she stopped at the local deli to pick-up dinner and she heard on the radio that a cruise ship in the Mediterranean had been hijacked. She immediately ran home to figure out what had happened and if her parents were danger. As soon as she realized that the cruise that was attacked she called her sister, who was not home. Ilsa then tried to contact one of her friends who worked in public relations to try to find some information out about their parents.

Lisa stepped up to talk again commenting on the day news broke that their parents cruise had been attacked. Lisa had been painting in her studio that day and when

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New York Times' Nicolas Wade on "Do Scientists Get the Press They Deserve?"

BY CAROLINE AIKEN
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

According to New York Times science reporter Nicolas Wade, scientists get plenty of press coverage, perhaps even far better than they deserve. His lecture this past Wednesday, a part of the Center for Ethics Science and Sensibility series at Muhlenberg College, addressed three main aspects of science reporting: reporters' responsibilities to science and the public, problems in communicating science to the public, and the nature of scientific truth and when it depends on consensus.

Wade explained that reporters have the responsibility not only to readers, but also to the scientists they cover. In other words, the reporter has the duty to help readers understand current events in science while also representing the scientist's views fairly.

"Much of science is too abstruse," Wade described as a challenge when presenting science to the public. It should be written in a way that is not misleading, but rather so that it can be optimally understood. "Most new science is wrong or insignificant," he admitted bluntly. For this reason, it is difficult for a science reporter to decide whether something is newsworthy or too undeveloped. Because of the nature of the long scientific process, often there is

not enough time or information for scientists to conclude whether or not new science is true.

According to Wade, science can be excessively optimistic. "Scientists always must be raising funds and giving lectures... it's like running a small business. Realists get weeded out of this process, leaving just the big optimist," he admitted lightly. In terms of science in the media, it is often necessary to provide the public with the illusion of constant progress.

Wade provided a diagram of the interaction between sources and reporters, and explained the readers are simply consumers of the product of this interaction, not participants. He revealed that reporters often establish relationships with their sources to maximize the credible information shared. However, Wade pointed out, the reporter may have a tendency to protect and defend these sources, not realizing their influence.

The problem with scientific sources, he pointed out, is the increased likelihood for consensus and scientific errors, excessive optimism, and certain political leanings that ultimately affect how findings are reported. The natural form of a scientific story is expository, not critical. "Scientific reports are not calibrated for optimism," he concluded.

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Today it is... Thursday

"Which seat can I take?" The question of whether to sit in the car's front seat or the back one has been sung by millions since the internet sensation "Friday" hit the airwaves this week. The song, which has climbed to ridiculous heights on the iTunes top 100 and reached over 2 million downloads in the past week, is sung by Rebecca Black, who has apparently never heard of 'shotgun.'

Okay, as tempting as it is to join the majority of those millions in poking fun at the peppy 13 year old's music video, let's be serious for just a second. Imagine you're in middle school, and for your birthday, your parents offer to help you make your own music video! (ooh, ahh!) Chances are, you'd have a blast planning it and filming it with your friends. Then, low and behold, your video becomes an internet sensation. You're invited on countless morning talk shows to discuss your new hit. Except it just so happens that most of your viewers thought your video was a joke. How would YOU handle that?

All things considered, we have a few (small) things to learn from young Rebecca. In watching much of her media coverage, including her interview with Good Morning America, it's clear that she is handling herself with impressive dignity considering all the criticism. She made clear to her audience that she knows she's not the most talented singer in the world, but the fact that she can get a song stuck in someone's head is good enough for her.

For someone thrown into the spotlight so quickly, Rebecca's response to her meanest critics is an admirable one. Despite people who have called her song "the worst song ever" and hope that she physically harms herself because of it, she continues to stand strong. In today's technological age, it has become all too easy to see something online like a YouTube video and post a judgmental comment about someone you have never met. Criticism, even at its most constructive, can be hard enough to hear. But sometimes, as Rebecca Black shows us, it pays to think about the positive side. Coming off as cool and collected in that GMA interview may just help her stardom skyrocket even more. Although we can't imagine how she'll top those lyrics: "Today it is Friday, we we we so excited. we so excited." Oh, Rebecca, we couldn't agree more.

St. Patrick's Day: A Reflection

By JOSHUA CLEMENT
Op/Ed Writer

Another St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, unremarkable for some, and unremembered for others. The holiday is especially celebrated among college students who use the holiday as an excuse to drink. This is convenient, as college students have trouble finding excuses for drinking. The usual justifications, it's Tuesday, or finding two quarters under the futon, rarely. It is the time when everyone gets to spend one day, or a weekend, being small and freckly. As someone who is about as Irish as the one Indian kid on campus, I have always been curious about the Irish's perspective of others co-opting their holiday, and how Britain must celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

I imagine the British must be jealous of the Irish for their popular holiday that is celebrated throughout the world. All of the famous British related festivals across the globe revolve around the celebration of "We finally kicked the British out!" Britain has given so much to the world and all the respect that we have given them in return is listening as they make fun of the stupid and bold part of our population on talent shows. While the revolutions in dentistry may not have made it over to Britain, they still deserve more respect than their colloquialisms would indicate. I mean really, who names their food "bangers and mash"?

We really should give the British some credit on St. Patrick's Day for suppressing the Irish just like they suppressed 50% of the world at some point. The least we can do is to have a cup of tea after every 3rd beer on St. Patrick's Day, but we will brush our teeth afterwards.

America has always had a history with co-opting (making a minority idea or culture mainstream and commercialized). It's the reason that "Irish Car Bombs" are a popular drink on this holiday, but there is no thinking as to what they actually refer to, the terrorist group, the Irish Republican Army (IRA). There's nothing better for celebrating than terrorism. Another common Irish reference in popular culture is the Leprechaun. The reason why everyone is trying to steal the gold from the Leprechauns is much more easily understood once you realize that Leprechauns are just magical tiny gingers. They have red hair; everyone should be stealing from them on basic moral principals.

In the USA, March has been designated Irish-American Heritage month since 1991. Irish Americans have been clamoring for this month in recognition since the Irish Rights move-

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Global crisis



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Natural catastrophes, civil warfare, crimes against humanity. When is it all going to end and how is it going to affect us in the United States? Where do we draw the line with who we give aid and who we don't?

Just a few days back, with little prior notice, the United States led an airstrike against Libyan governmental forces. After an attack on civilians, the United States government, along with other United Nations heavy hitters, agreed

that force was necessary to calm the Libyan unrest.

A no-fly zone was established over Libya to limit Libyan air control, which in addition to air strikes, has progressed in destroying Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi's air defenses. However, as outlined by President Obama in his letter to Congress on Monday, the goal of the allies' mission is for Qaddafi to completely withdraw his forces and cease stop all attacks on civilians, which has yet to be seen.

The strikes have aroused a controversial response from U.S. citizens as well as for concerned officials; however, if the strike was supported by the U.N. and is being undertaken by not only the U.S. but also several allies and Arab partners, why has there been such a mixed response?

For one, Congress has not and did not approve military action, nor were they officially forewarned about their occurrence. According to the War Powers Resolution of 1973, a report to Congress is required 48 hours after the commencing of military action, not before. In accordance to this act, President Obama formally addressed Congress on Monday, informing them that the U.S. had begun military attacks on Libya. President Obama's decision has come under serious scrutiny by politicians like Sen.

Jim Webb (D., VA) who was interviewed by MSNBC on Monday concerning the issue stated, "We have not had a debate and I know that there was some justification put into place because of the concern for civilian casualties, but this isn't the way that our system is supposed to work." In his letter to Congress President Obama does clearly outline that the urgency was primarily due to the fear that civilians lives were going to be at stake if action was not taken: "U.S. military forces commenced operations to assist an international effort authorized by the United Nations (U.N.) Security Council and undertaken with the support of European allies and Arab partners, to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe and address the threat posed to international peace and security by the crisis in Libya."

The strikes were approved, which is more than George W. Bush had prior to striking Iraq. President Bush entered Iraq after two attempts to get U.N. approval, but Congress voted in support of the War on Terror regardless. We all have seen President Obama go back on words said during his presidential campaign, but this one is particularly interesting

given the circumstances. As a presidential candidate in 2007, Mr. Obama said, "The President does not have the power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation."

An article in the Wall Street Journal reports, "The White House said the president's actions don't contradict his earlier views, noting that the president met with a bipartisan group of lawmakers regarding Libya before any action took place."

Administration officials argue that the Libyan strikes are not an invasion but instead a short, time-limited plan that has been well thought out and clearly

defined.

Tommy Vietor, a White House spokesman said, "As the President told the country, the US military operation in Libya will be limited in duration and scope, and conducted in partnership with an international coalition. It is aimed at preventing an imminent humanitarian catastrophe that directly implicates the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States."

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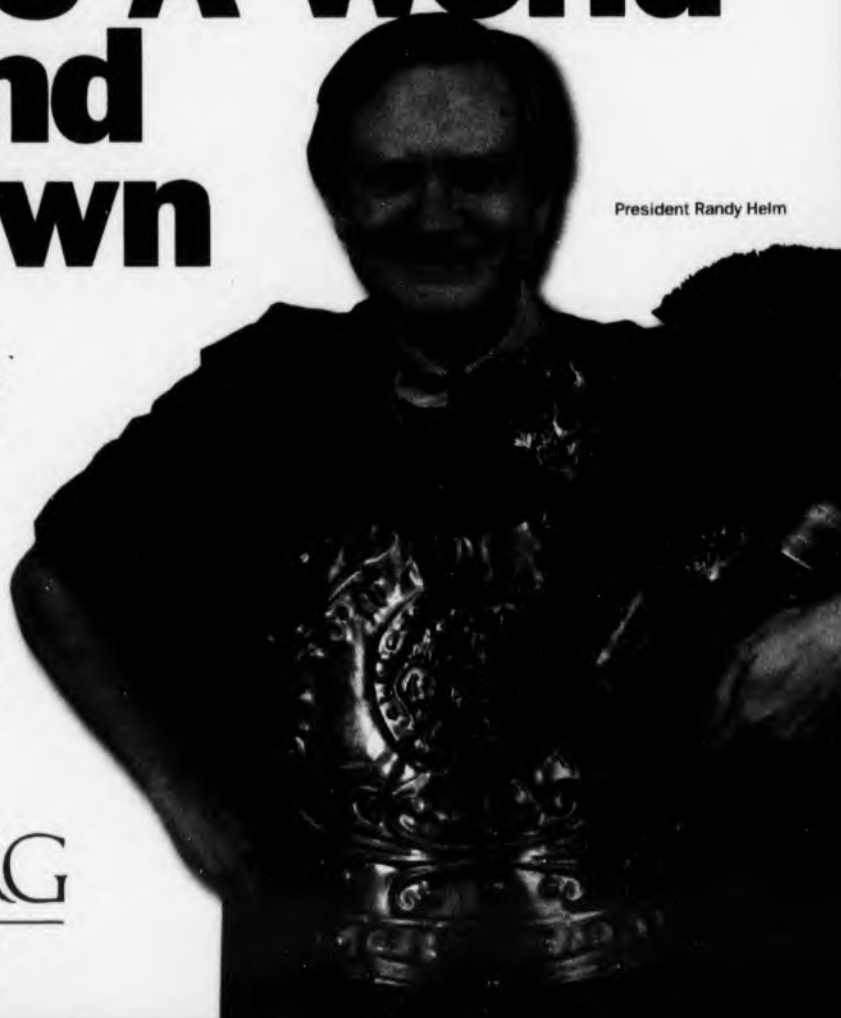
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ment. This was when Sean O'Keefe O'Patsy made his famous "I have our one Potato" speech from the great Potato famine of '52 that was solved by the Irish receiving their missing carbohydrates by consuming copious amounts of beer. The replacement of beer for potatoes in the Irish diet has been a continued tradition ever since that famous monologue. (Zero factual evidence for these past sentences) But St. Patrick has a slightly different history than is widely known by most people; the widely known knowledge is his name was Patrick, of course.

St. Patrick was born in Britain; he arrived in Ireland after he was captured by Irish raiders and turned into a slave in Ireland for six years. Ireland was still experimenting with different strategies to entice tourists at this time. Fortunately, St. Patrick decided to return to the country and became their patron saint by uniting the Irish under one fold of Christianity. But the interesting thing is how St. Patrick's Day became a widely accepted holiday propagated by Christianity.

St. Patrick's Day was created as a holiday as the day when the restrictions are lifted from eating and drinking on Lent. So really we must thank the Catholic Church for anticipating what everyone around the world needs, from devout Catholics to college freshman packed in sardine-like dorm rooms of vodka and sex (with some exceptions, aka my room...). We all need an excuse to let loose, and St. Patrick's Day gives us a chance to do so.

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States."

On the ground, there is a civil war. In the air, there is an international war being waged. The United States is eager to get out of the fight in order to not be involved in a third armed conflict in a Muslim country. European forces are prepared to take a step forward once the U.S. steps back to avoid getting too involved in another war.

What is going to happen once the United States steps back and will we have the ability to step back if Col. Qaddafi maintains control on the ground? The United States has a strong history of getting too involved in the conflicts of other nations. It is a relief, to say the least, that finally a President has stepped out and said that tyranny cannot be tolerated; that the right to freedom must be fought for. We should be proud that our nation has taken a step forward in the fight for freedom of all peoples. But the question is, and will remain where do we draw the line? In Yemen, government forces fired on crowd and killed 30 civilians... at what point will we fight for their rights and freedoms? And at what point will we be forced to stand back and watch a crisis evolve?

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Grading system reform

By SAMANTHA LANGNER
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educational system is based on the ability of children to pass each grade with a grade of a sixty-five or higher. These grades are derived from tests, quizzes, projects, presentations, and other activities. These activities are then graded by teachers who are certified in their specific field. The grades that teachers give sometimes seem very arbitrary and unfair to students who work very hard. As a result, children tend to stress for all of their childhood to try to please teachers, which is ridiculous.

In addition, there is so much pressure put on children from teachers and parents, which puts an added level of stress on children. Also, the government puts extreme pressure on teachers to encourage their students to pass, which in turn stresses out children more. This results in young children having to cope with more

In the United States the stress than they know how to handle. It is completely unfair for anyone to expect that an eight-year-old can handle all of the stress that is thrust upon them.

The pressure from the government is from the No Child Left behind Act of 2002, which was signed into law by President George W. Bush and his administration. This act sets deadlines for children

to be able read, makes states more accountable for the success of its children, while at the same time putting demanding deadlines on them.

Although it may appear that there are benefits of this act, the only thing it accomplishes is putting extreme pressure on teachers, which is then put on the stu-

dents. The extreme amount of pressure that is put on children at such a young age can mess them up emotionally for the rest of their lives.

It is completely ridiculous that the government supports stressing children out and putting unnecessary pressure on

them at a young age because it can cause long-lasting emotional effects on America's youth.

The only way to remedy the grading system is to get rid of grades completely and put complete emphasis on learning and making sure that children understand the material that they learn in school. Instead of grading children on

an A through F scale all classes should be on a pass/ fail scale. This would alleviate the stress that is put on children to earn A's in their classes because it would no longer be an option. Any student who worked hard and learned the material could earn a passing grade.

This would alleviate the competition between students to have the highest grade point averages and ranks in their schools. Eliminating the grading system would switch the emphasis of school from getting all A's to ensuring that students learn and understand the material that they were taught

in classes.

All projects, presentations, quizzes, and tests should be graded with either a passing grade or a failing grade. This would cause students to stress less about each and every assignment, which will allow students to spend less time on assignments because they will be less stressed about their assignments being perfect.

They will not be worried about getting an A, but rather they would be concerned with making sure they learned and understood the material. This will allow students to become more well-rounded because they will be able to devote an equal amount of time to each class as opposed to spending a lot of time on

one subject one night and then another subject the next night. Lastly, this will end students studying solely to get an A because that will no longer be an option, but rather students will study because they want to learn the material and pass the class.

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Your opinion matters: Dining Services survey

BY MARGARET VALLONE
NEWS WRITER

Sodexo conducts a web-based qualitative survey once per semester in conjunction with their research partner, Synovate. The survey targets both the Wood Dining Commons and the GQ, and the sample size is based on the number of transactions for each location. The results of the survey provide Sodexo benchmark data to make comparisons of customer satisfaction year to year and semester to semester.

This survey additionally contributes to regional and national benchmark data that enables Sodexo to compare customer satisfaction at the College with other colleges and universities from across the country. The consistency of the survey process each semester is paramount to providing the College with valid measures of changes in the perception of dining on campus. Survey results become the basis for developing of short and long-term program changes to ensure a continued high level of performance.

Muhlenberg continues to enjoy a very high participation rate on this survey compared to other campuses in our region. Jesse Breidinger, Marketing Manager for Dining Services, believes "this is because customers feel that they are heard. The survey makes it easy to share with our team what is important to our students and community".

Survey results, often 60 or 70 pages of information, are shared with key stakeholders of the College administration and reviewed with the dining management team to develop short and long-term program changes to ensure a continued high level of performance.

In September of 2010, a Synovate Survey was sent to the campus community by way of college email. Over 600 students, faculty and staff participated in the survey. In late October of 2010, these results were sent to the Muhlenberg Dining team.

The results show that over 63% of customers rated the Wood Dining Commons as "Very Good" or "Excellent" in overall satisfaction. This increased 37% from fall of 2009. Overall quality of food is up 28%, customer

service is up 21%, and overall dining atmosphere is up 34% in satisfaction. This can be attributed to a number of factors including balancing of a new dining contract, new meal plan options, a new culinary program, and a new state-of-the-art dining facility. In addition to the data collected, over 50 pages of comments were compiled. Jesse Breidinger says, "The comments are the most important part of this data in order to increase customer satisfaction. The comments customers took the time to include in the survey pinpoint the issues we need to focus on in order to attain high satisfaction." Compared to the entire country of Sodexo accounts (more than 900 colleges and universities), Muhlenberg Dining Services rated 10% above national averages in terms of overall satisfaction.

Countless meetings were held to review the information, including hundreds of comments. An action plan was derived from these meetings that resulted in a list of priorities to address across the board in our operations on campus. For the fall 2010 semester, priorities included:

- **Speed of Service & Long Lines:** Employees are receiving additional training on speed of service while encouraging friendly interactions. The management team continues to track timing of lines, particularly during peak times, to assist in analyzing the process.

- **More vegetarian & vegan entrees including plain grilled vegetables:**

"Veg Out" Mondays in the Wood Dining Commons
Fresh grilled vegetables daily at Wildfire Grille
Fresh cut fruit and yogurt at all meals provided at Chef's Table

Increased the toppings and options available at the Salad Bar including tofu or tempeh daily

- **Gluten Free options:**

Snack and convenience items have increased in the General's Quarters to include brands like Amy's
A focus group was recently organized to address specific needs

- **More Pasta:**

Monday: Pasta Day at the Mule Express

Tuesday: "Lotsa Pasta" at Mangia Mangia

Thursday: Spaghetti and Meatballs at the Mule Express
Friday: "Endless Pastabilities" at Chef's Table

- **Regular Daily Changing Menu:**

The Mule Express began a weekly menu this spring semester including favorites like pasta day and stir-fry. Check it out. It's been a hit!

- **Demand for better Orange Juice:**

New 100% Orange Juice in the Wood Dining Commons

- **Prices too high in GQ:**

Look for the "Bang for your Buck" menus in the GQ that features smaller portions like snack wraps

Glenn Gerchman, Director of Seegers Union and Campus Events, and the College liaison to Sodexo for the dining contract, noted "the survey for the spring semester was distributed electronically in mid February. The results have just arrived, and the dining team will begin analyzing data and developing a new action plan with execution this semester and into the early part of next semester.

This data is highly important to the success of the dining program at Muhlenberg and is a valuable conduit for the entire campus community to share their input. This will assist the team in meeting the needs of our customers. I highly encourage everyone at Muhlenberg to take the survey every semester".

John Pasquarello, Muhlenberg Dining Services General Manager says, "Thank you everyone who took the time to complete a survey. We had a great response and getting this kind of feedback is invaluable. I encourage the campus community to continue to provide us with comments and suggestions through this survey process.

Please continue to speak personally with our team members and use other effective methods, such as the napkin board to let us know how we are doing. Our team is committed to open communication and our focus is on service to the customer, and measuring our performance through this survey process will help us to build a dynamic program here at Muhlenberg."

If you have further questions about the survey or this process, please email John Pasquarello at jpasquarello@muhlenberg.edu

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What's New in the Wood Dining Commons

— WILDFIRE GRILLE —

Grilled Vegetables, Pita & Falafel Everyday!
Sweet Potato Fries Every Wednesday

— CROUTONS —

Double the Options at the Salad Bar
& Tofu or Tempeh Served Daily



United States tied to conflict in the Congo

By MICHELLE UGELOW AND ANDALISA LOPEZ
NEWS WRITERS

Since the U.S. is physically separated from most other parts of the world, it is hard to see and recognize the violence that is occurring elsewhere. Nevertheless, it is important for us to open our eyes and recognize the issues that are occurring globally, especially since we are interdependent in this global community. With that said, due to the lack of news coverage, it is unknown to many people that we have been helping to fuel the deadliest conflict this world has seen since World War II. However, it is time to stop and acknowledge the conflict that we, as citizens of the United States, are directly tied to as consumers of electronic products.

Since 1996, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has seen staggering amounts of violence; 5.4 million people have died, and 1 million people have been displaced. Numbers like these are seen due to conflicts between rebel groups and the Congolese citizens and due to conflicts amongst different rebel groups themselves. In the DRC, there are many different rebel groups, like Democratic Liberation Forces of Rwanda (FDLR) and the Mai Mai. The FDLR is a rebel group that includes the Interahamwe, the group who carried out the Rwandan Genocide, among its other members, while the Mai Mai is a local community defense force that relies on the use of witchcraft. On paper, these groups are considered rebel groups towards the Congolese Army. However, most of the rebel groups are all intertwined, including the Congolese Army. Ultimately, it is a combination of these groups causing the horrifying atrocities.

Among the deaths and displacements, these groups are responsible for the many types of violence, physical and sexual, that are rampant in the DRC. The rebel groups are notoriously known to use rape as a weapon of war. Because of the stigma associated with rape victims in the DRC, the number of women raped per year is unknown, but the DRC is constantly referred to as the most dangerous place in the world to be a woman. Moreover, the rebel groups do not discriminate by age, and frequently rape children and the elderly. The rebel groups use such violence to instill fear in order to gain control of the mineral rich land of the Congo, filled with many natural resources and minerals, such as tin, tungsten, gold, and tantalum. These minerals are known as the conflict minerals and are found in the majority of electronic products sold and used today.

The DRC is no stranger to resource exploitation; in fact, King Leopold II set up the Congo Free State for the purposes of exploiting the vast amount of rubber found in the Congo. Leopold II ruled from the late 19th century until the early 20th century. During that time, the population of Congolese was cut in half. Leopold II's rule in the DRC demonstrates the viciousness of early colonizers in Western Africa, but it also reminds us that what is happening presently in the DRC has happened before.

With our electronics, such as cell phones, laptops, and MP3 players, we are helping to fuel violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This is because the rebel groups that forcefully gain control of the mines and perpetuate the physical and sexual violence throughout the Congo profit by selling the raw materials and minerals to other countries, who then send the raw materials to processing plants. From the processing plants, large corporations buy the materials to make their electronics that we purchase. For the group at the base of the supply chain, the rebel group controlling the mines, this operation brings them in about \$80 million a year. However, is \$80 million a year worth the suffering of a whole country and its people?

Because of this devastating reality, there has been a growing movement to hold electronics companies accountable for their mineral supply chain. And now focusing more on our reality of being a college student, because college campuses and students are huge consumers of electronics, we can be very influential in ending the conflict and spreading the conflict-free minerals movement as well. Consumers, like us, need to put pressure on companies to audit their supply chain to ensure that our electronics are not made with conflict minerals. Stanford University was the first school to make the commitment to go conflict free and many other schools are following. There are several ways a campus can go conflict free, as recommended by The Enough Project. For example, one way to begin the initiative is to make a change in school's policy for purchasing electronics. This can be done by issuing a statement that Muhlenberg College will purchase electronics from companies that are actively tracking their supply chain.

Another way this can be accomplished is by having the College publicly state that it recognizes the atrocities in the DRC that are occurring because of the conflict minerals, and for electronic companies that it does business with to take steps to ensure their minerals comes from clean mines.

In addition to the College going conflict free, there are ways for individuals to support this initiative, as well. Individuals can write letters to companies urging them to track their mineral sources and go conflict free. Also, an individual can purchase electronics from companies who are doing more to track their supply chain, including HP, Motorola and Nokia. The conflict free status of other big electronic companies, as well as other ways to get involved, can be found at www.raisehopeforcongo.org. Using this knowledge, individuals can buy electronic products from companies that support conflict free minerals and avoid those companies that do not support the initiative.

If you are in support of ending the atrocities and violence in the DRC that we are directly tied to, help make the College conflict free. For more information on how to take action, please contact max.cohler@muhlenberg.edu. Now that you know, what will you do?

Jason Steinberg wins at national conference

By JOSHUA CLEMENT
NEWS WRITER

On a cold, February weekend, the executive board of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity trekked to Stamford, Connecticut to attend the annual Carlson Leadership Academy (CLA). Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers from schools stretching across the Northeast attended this conference designed to teach board members the core areas of operation for each Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Board members spent their weekend in workshops designed for both their individual positions and the entire executive board. The individual position workshops provided board members the chance to exchange ideas with those in the same position as them while also gaining insight to what they can do to improve pre-established operations. Though the workshops were long and tiring, each member left with a greater understanding of what their executive board position entails.

CLA came to an end on Saturday evening with a formal awards dinner. After patiently awaiting for our district's awards to be named, there came a joyous surprise. One of our own, senior Jason Steinberg '11, was awarded the J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award. The Zollinger award recognizes a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother who excels academically, as a leader within his fraternity house, and has made an impact in his community. Jason's continuous hard work and dedication both in Sigma Phi Epsilon and around Muhlenberg's campus is truly admirable and inspiring.

At Muhlenberg, many students, faculty and administrators know Jason for always being on the move thanks to his involvement in numerous clubs and organizations. In his four years here at Muhlenberg, Jason has served as President of Hillel, the Student Observer to the Board of Trustees, Vice President of Finance for Sigma Phi Epsilon, studied abroad in Maastricht, Netherlands and participated in a variety of independent study projects.

The Brothers of the Pennsylvania Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon want to ask the Muhlenberg College community to join them in congratulating Jason on his incredible accomplishment.

Weekend Weather

Friday



Partly sunny
and chilly

High: 39
Low: 24

Saturday



Chilly with
clouds and sun

High: 43
Low: 30

Sunday



Mostly cloudy,
snow possible

High: 40
Low: 31

Reception in honor of Alan Bass '12

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
NEWS WRITER

One year from now, many of us hope to have aced that science class or found a job. For Alan Bass, one year meant writing a book.

On Wed., Mar. 2, Trexler Library held a reception in honor of Bass and his newly-published book entitled "The Great Expansion: The Ultimate Risk that Changed the NHL Forever." Alan's book covers the two events of 1967 that determined the future of the National Hockey League: the expansion from six teams to twelve and the NHL's newly-acquired contracts for television coverage.

Alan's inspiration to cover this topic came from many directions. His interest in hockey stemmed from years of playing the sport as well as interning for the Philadelphia Flyers and freelance writing for Toronto's Hockey News Magazine. According to Alan's family, his interest began even earlier with his hockey-enthusiast father.

Michael and Debbi Bass, Alan's parents, were among the guests at Wednesday's reception, along with his grandparents and numerous professors and students. Michael, a self-proclaimed hockey enthusiast, explained that Alan has been around hockey for most of his life. The family, who lives in Cherry Hill, NJ, could not be prouder of Alan's accomplishments. "It was fun to see [the book] completed," said mother Debbi. "We are very proud of how he took this idea and brought it through to fruition."

The idea of writing a book in the first place was inspired by one of Alan's friends, who was writing a book himself. Alan explained that his friend persistently encouraged him to begin his own book, but Alan was unsure of how to pick a topic. In the end, he kept coming back to hockey.

The decision to cover the Great Expansion period of 1967 came after extensive research. Alan found that there hadn't been much published on the subject, and

decided to go for it. His interning and writing experience provided him with numerous contacts, and from there, he spent a significant amount of time networking. This led to countless interviews and a series of press passes, which Alan worked towards with determination. His most interesting interview was one of the most difficult to get, but Alan was persistent. Speaking with Ed Snider, owner of the Philadelphia Flyers, was eye-opening for Alan, since Snider is the only original owner of one of the six teams that were added in 1967 who is still in the business. "What happened and why it happened became very interesting to me," Alan explained.

During Wednesday's Q&A session, Bass explained his search for a publisher and the toughest part of the writing process. He chose University Press based on its great reputation, and said he ran into no issues in relation to his young age. As far as his difficulties, Alan had misgivings about his ability "bring myself and the reader back to that era," just based on interviews.

Many of Alan's earlier readers, however, vouched for his writing ability and doubted he had anything to worry about. Dr. Jim Bloom of the College's English Department, Alan's First Year Seminar professor, said that Alan "always went the extra mile" when it came to writing. Other faculty who offered their support and congratulations included President and Mrs. Helm and Chaplain Bredlau.

Other interested attendees of the reception were staff members of the Lehigh Valley Sports Scene, who interviewed Alan and other attendees about the book and published the story on Fri., Mar. 4 on local Channel 2. The library also holds two copies of "The Great Expansion," one in the Main Collection and one for display in the Muhlenberg Room.

Alan, who hopes to become a hockey coach one day, is off to an incredible start with his publication. Because as his proud parents put it, "a book is forever."



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she came home she was bombarded with several messages from her sister. Immediately, Lisa reached for the phone to call her sister. All Ilsa could say is "the boat, the boat" over and over, until she said that it was hijacked. Ilsa's fiancée went to pick up Lisa, so they could all be together and when Lisa arrived at her sister's apartment she swarmed with hundreds of reporters, press, and media. Soon after Lisa arrived, the state department contacted them to find out more information about their parents. Lisa continued by saying that later that night they received a confirmed report that everyone on the cruise ship was okay, so they started celebrating. However, Lisa starting realizing that everyone was leaving without saying anything. Lisa then said that her husband sat herself and her sister down to tell them that there was an unconfirmed report that their father was killed. Lisa was so confused because she did not understand why someone would want to kill her elderly father. A few days later their mother called them from Egypt to tell the news and had a hard time understanding that they knew already because it was a worldwide event. Marilyn told her daughters, "Do your crying now, I have done mine, we have a lot of work to do." Soon after, President Regan gave orders for fighter planes to take down a plane that the hijackers were in. Marilyn went to Italy before returning home and spat in all of their faces because she needed to hold someone accountable for her husband's death.

Then, Ilsa came back to the podium. She spoke of all her mother's accomplishments. As soon as Marilyn came back to the United States, she testified in front of Congress, lobbied elected officials, started a lawsuit against the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) - who was responsible for Leon's death, and started the framework for a foundation with the Anti-Defamation League. Also, she met

with Chuck Schumer, then congressman, President Regan and his wife Nancy, along with several other prominent officials. Unfortunately, Marilyn passed away after four months of returning the United States. Ilsa and Lisa took over their mother's work and continued with the framework of the foundation and named it the Leon and Marilyn Klinghoffer Memorial Foundation.

The mission of the foundation is to combat terrorism through educational, political and legal means. The foundation is funded by an anonymous settlement paid by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to the Klinghoffers. The PLO pays the Klinghoffers as part of the settlement in a lawsuit in which the Klinghoffers sought damages for their pain suffered by the PLO's involvement in the hijacking. Also, the Klinghoffer's lawsuit spurred passage of the Antiterrorism Act of 1990, which made it easier for victims of terrorism to sue terrorists and collect civil damages for losses incurred. Ilsa and Lisa also created a Klinghoffer award to honor those people who have made significant contributions to terrorism. They also really want to emphasis the education part of the foundation because they never want this to happen again and feel the best way for that to happen is to educate people.

Lastly, alumni John Falk, who is the Program Associate at the John Hopkins Hillel, spoke about why Leon Klinghoffer was killed. Falk says that the PLO chose Leon out of everyone on the cruise solely because he was Jewish because he represents Judaism and Israel. Also, he said that the Jewish community needs work together along with anyone who supports to stay strong and to keep Israel.

The lecture was sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley, Wax Family Fund, Hillel, MUFI (Mules United for Israel), Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, and the Hockey Team.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 28 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of found lottery tickets. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 28 – Suspicious Activity – In East Hall (B Block, third floor), there was a report of a smell of marijuana. Upon arrival, a Campus Safety officer could not identify the odor coming from a specific room. There was no further incident.

Feb. 28 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of several found items. It is unknown when the items were turned in or to whom the items belong. The found items include a cell phone, earphones, several keys, a bracelet, and earrings. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 1 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of damage found to a ceiling light. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 2 – Suspicious Activity – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was seen hitting a bump causing copper to fall out of the trunk. Allentown Police responded and will be handling the case.

Mar. 2 – Aggravated Injury – In East Hall (D Block, third floor), there was a report of an assault. Individuals were spoken to and letters of no contact were issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 3 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found key. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The key was given to Residential Services.

Mar. 4 – Suspicious Activity – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, first floor), a Campus Safety officer, while on patrol, noticed an individual climbing in a window. The officer spoke to the resident of the room. Everything appeared to be

fine.

Mar. 4 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, first floor), while responding to another call, a Campus Safety officer noticed drug paraphernalia in the room. The item was brought to the Campus Safety office and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of alcohol violations while performing room checks for Spring Break. Several bottles of liquor and beer cans were found in the room. A Campus Safety officer discarded the items. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 4 – Hit and Run – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run to a vehicle causing damage. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 4 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a found beer bong. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 4 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several liquor bottles and beer cans were found in a room while performing room checks for Spring Break. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the items. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of several full and empty beer cans found in a room while performing room checks for Spring Break. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the cans. Referred to the Dean of

Students.

Mar. 4 – Found Property – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of found Muhlenberg College property. A Muhlenberg College flag was found in a room while performing room checks for Spring Break. The flag was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Mar. 4 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation. Paper was found inside a light fixture. There was also a report of an alcohol violation. Several alcohol bottles were found while performing room checks for Spring Break. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 4 – Found Property – In the Haas College Center, first floor, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the keys belong. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 8 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found jacket. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The jacket was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 9 – Found Property – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a found student ID card. A message was left for the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The ID card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 10 – Hit and Run – On Liberty St., there was a report of a hit and run causing damage to the driver's side door and mirror. Allentown Police Department responded. The investigation will continue.

Mar. 10 – Injured Visitor – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of an injured visitor.

Mar. 12 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a found bicycle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

The bike was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 12 – Found Property – At 2252 Chew St., there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 12 – Institutional Vandalism – In Trexler Pavilion, lower level, there was a report of damage to a laptop and bag that was placed on a light.

Mar. 13 – Found Property – On the Brown mall, there was a report of a found adapter. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The adapter was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 13 – Found Property – In East Hall (A Block, third floor), there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 14 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication via emails. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 14 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 15 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a report of false IDs attempted to be used at an off campus location. Allentown Police Department responded to the location and cited four students.

Mar. 15 – Institutional Vandalism – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of graffiti on a wall. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 16 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found flash drive. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 16 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a theft from a locker. A shirt, hat, shoes, and an ID card were taken. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 16 – Larceny/Theft – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a theft of a laptop. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 17 – Lost Property – Off campus, there was a report of a lost license plate. Allentown Police was also notified.

Mar. 18 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Prosser Hall, while responding to a noise complaint, Campus Safety officers came upon a group of students in possession of drug paraphernalia. The students were identified and the items were taken to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 18 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found exit sign. The sign was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown where the sign belongs.

Mar. 18 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Liquor Control Enforcement cited three students for Underage Consumption and Possession of Alcohol.

Mar. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of vandalism to a tree. Unknown students were seen climbing the tree causing damage to branches. Plant Operations were notified.

Mar. 18 – Found Property – In Martin Luther Hall, basement, there was a report of found drug paraphernalia. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The property was placed in the evidence locker.

Mar. 18 – Lost Property

– In Seegers Union, there was a report of theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 19 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On Liberty St., there was a report of an alcohol violation involving a non-student. The individual was seen throwing liquor bottles into bushes. Allentown Police Department responded and identified the individual. A citation was issued for littering. The liquor bottle was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Mar. 19 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In the East Hall quad area, while clearing from another call, Campus Safety officers noticed students in possession of drug paraphernalia. The students were identified and the items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 19 – Lost Property – In the Village lower parking lot, there was a report of a lost bracelet.

Mar. 19 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a report of a theft of a purse from an off campus location. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of vandalism. Tables and ashtrays were flipped and there was damage done to the ashtray. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations were notified.

Mar. 20 – Larceny/Theft – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of theft of a phone. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 20 – Larceny/Theft – At Alpha Chi Omega, there was a report of theft of several items. The items were taken from several different rooms. The investigation will continue.

WEEKLY

Life!

"It may be life is only worthwhile at moments.
Perhaps that is all we ought to expect."

- Sherwood Anderson

Greeks Give Back to the Community

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE EDITOR

Sat., March
19, the sisters
of Delta

Zeta and the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon along with a sister of Alpha Chi Omega joined forces in order to help clean up a community in need. Philip Weisgold '12 Vice President of Programming of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kimberly Hanson '12 Head of Philanthropy for Delta Zeta together planned and arranged for approximately thirty volunteers to participate in this rewarding event. Members of these organizations crawled out of their beds in order to get an early start to their day around 10:40 a.m. and arrived at The Camphill Special School in Glenmoore, PA around 11:00 a.m.

Camphill communities are located in various towns all across Pennsylvania. These communities specialize in providing values of service, sharing, spiritual nourishment, and recognition of each individual's gifts to children, youth, and adults who have disabilities – in ways that are both intentionally therapeutic and intentionally personal. The result is that



Sisters of Delta Zeta, brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and a sister of Alpha Chi Omega join forces to help beautify a community in need.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

Camphill offers all community members a life of accomplishment, celebration, and meaning.

The members that attended this event helped to beautify the campus by getting dirty and making friends with Mother Nature. Some volunteers helped to carry heavy pieces of wood from fallen trees from the entrance of the school in order to clear the area and allow for a safer environment. Other members helped the community chop wood by handling difficult machinery such as wood chippers. As part of the philanthropic experience volunteers interacted and communicated with members of the community in order to ensure that this day would produce hard work and success.

It was heart warming to see the many volunteers put their best efforts forward as they opted to spend their St. Patrick's weekend helping out others rather than partake in the festivities associated with the holiday. The community members were delighted to see many diligent

workers partake in vigorous labor for about five hours without taking a break. This was a rewarding and enriching experience for everyone involved and all members seemed to anxious to know when they could come out and help again.

Thanks to all who participated in this event!

What was the highlight of your St. Patrick's Day Weekend?



"Nothing we want to
put in The Weekly."

- Emily Wolff '12 &
Cortney Condit '12



"Grilling outside,
enjoying the beautiful
weather."

Scott Lissner '11



"Hanging out in the
quad and partying with
friends."

- Rebecca Hernandez '14
& Lauren Crenca '14



"Harry Potter Weekend,
watching the Goblet of
Fire."

- Ari Brandsdorfer '11



"Going to a play with
Melissa and Shari."

- Sam Landman '11

Courtesy of Melissa Del Mauro and Shari Goldenberg

Ask the Panda Girl: Muhlenberg's Advice Column



Dear PG,

So like, it's the middle of spring break, and I've been hanging around on my ass, doing pretty much nothing. I was in a flow, but this break has messed it all up. How can I re-motivate myself when break ends? I'm super lazy and tend to not want to do stuff, especially when my rhythm is messed up. I'm not looking forward to it.

-Me

Dear "Me",

Spring break can be a blessing and a curse.

I know we all needed a break from the hustle of activity, but I completely empathise with you. I think the best thing is to embrace the broken rhythm, and start anew. The idea of striving to "hit the ground running" isn't exactly easy to emulate. Hopefully you've gotten at least a little done over break. If not, now's the time to do it! Budget your time and organize yourself. Keep in mind your pace may be slower, and you'll be less motivated. Simple fact. Sit down and block out maybe half an hour more than usual to do that reading assignment, or start a day earlier on that paper than perhaps

you would usually. Leave extra time to crawl, so you can get up to walk, and finally get back to that running speed you had before. Lastly, don't forget to keep time in your life for nothing. Leave an hour empty. Just do whatever in that empty time- whatever you feel like at that moment.

Don't even plan a fun activity; doing so can make it seem like an obligation. It is important to keep time to yourself, to do whatever needs to be done, be it sleep, chat on the phone, or just eat a mass amount of food.

Good Luck,

Panda Girl

Advice of the Week:

It seems my correspondent needed my advice of the week. The advice given above can be useful for all of us as we get back into the swing of things. Don't let it overwhelm you. It is easy to put things off and not think about them because of how daunting they are. Be brave, Berg! Face your challenges and get them behind you. The sun will feel warmer if you keep your head high. Speaking of the sun, try doing that reading assignment outside, or have lunch on a picnic bench. Sunlight can really raise your mood and keep you motivated to keep pushing on.

Please don't be shy to send me your concerns or complaints. I am here to help.

You can contact me at AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or via campus mail to box 2072.

Upcoming Main Stage at Allentown Public Theatre: *Blackbird*

BY NAN RUSH
APT MARKETING CHAIR

Allentown Public Theatre presents the **Lehigh Valley premiere** of the award-winning *Blackbird* by David Harrower March 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 and April 1 and 2 at 8:00 PM at the America on Wheels Museum, 5 North Front St., Allentown, PA.

27-year-old Una re-visits 55-year-old Ray – now known as Peter – to discover the answers to lingering questions fifteen years after the two had a relationship which is variously described as love or criminal sexual assault, and which continues to reverberate through their lives. Ray has paid the price in jail and re-covered his life; Una continues to search for meaning in hers. Yet the reverse is also true, Una declaring to Ray, "I

did your sentence." Ray calls Una "a ghost"; Una says Ray was a "guest in our home." Slightly twisted echoes abound in their words, in their lives.

This provocative drama raises questions yet provides no pat answers – it is truly a theatrical experience involving the viewer's own memories, views, experiences and insights. Just as sentences are left unfinished in the play, like broken poetry, viewers are generously allowed to enter doors that have been left open and explore what they find there. Chances are likely that personal exploration will continue long after the final curtain.

APT's production of *Blackbird* is directed by APT Artistic Director Joshua Neth. Ray/Peter will be played by Robb

Taylor, whose theatrical credits include *After the Fall* and *Lovers, Winners, and Losers*. Portraying Una is local favorite Laura Romano, who was last seen in APT's production of *Hamlet: A Rock Experience* as Rosencrantz. Set and lighting designs for *Blackbird* are the creations of Tony Galanti.

To present this adult-themed play in the most meaningful way to the community, APT is collaborating with **Project Child**, the Child Abuse Prevention Coalition of the Lehigh Valley. Rochelle Freedman, Project Child's Program Director, other area leaders and experts in the field and representatives from area agencies will join with the actors and director in panel discussion talk-backs following each performance.

Karen Connell, licensed clinical social worker and theatre artist who is the producer and clinical advisor for of the production, will facilitate the dialogue between panel and audience on the issue of sexual abuse and exploitation in *Blackbird*, explore common misconceptions around these issues, and increase awareness of resources for prevention and help in the Lehigh Valley.

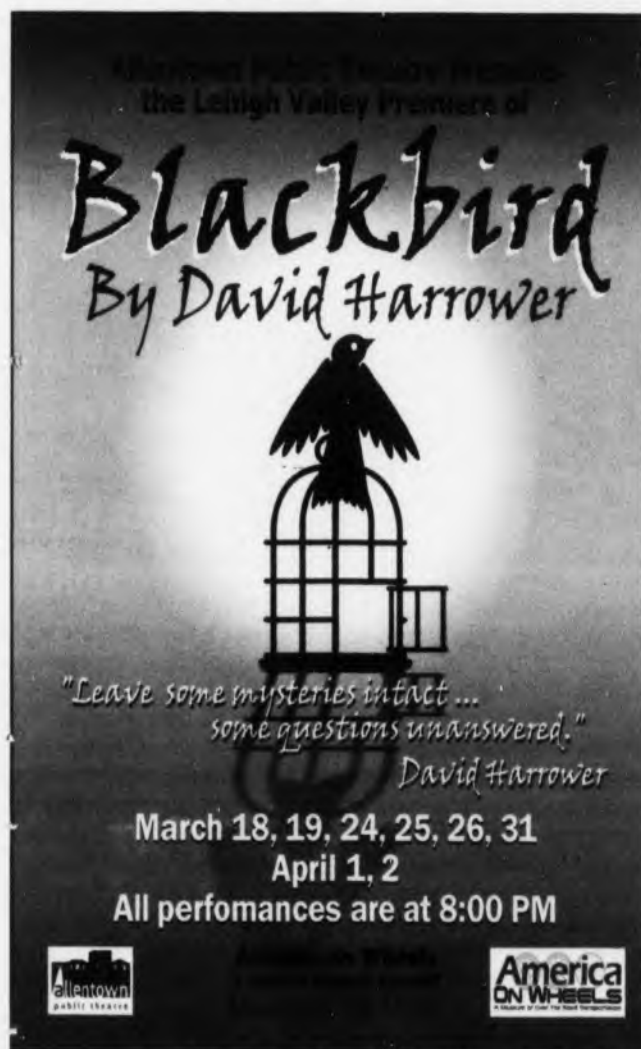
The Allentown Public Theatre for centuries has provided a forum for observation and examination of the human condition, social issues, and the characters that people our world, reflecting who we are and who we may become. The Theatre tells our stories and permits us to play with an intensity of emotion. The Theatre provides a common ground that expresses, celebrates and serves the community in which it resides. The APT production of *Blackbird*, the collaboration with **Project Child**, and the choice of **America on Wheels** as the performance site continue both the tradition of serving the community and the historical connection between theaters and museums best exemplified in Boston – the first Boston Museum hosted theatrical performances from 1846 until 1903.

Blackbird was first commissioned and presented by the Edinburgh International Festival at the King's Theatre, Edinburgh, in August 2005. It won the Scotland Critics' Award for best play in 2006 and the Laurence Olivier Award in 2007.

Tickets are available online at www.allentownpublictheatre.com.

General admission tickets are \$25. Tickets for seniors and students are \$22.

Due to its mature theme, *Blackbird* is suggested for viewers age 17 and older.



The poster for the upcoming APT production *Blackbird*.

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A scene from *Blackbird*.

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Little Red Twihood?

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

It seems that society cannot get enough of fairy tales and ancient creatures. From *Harry Potter* to *Twilight*, people are fascinated with the magical realm. This past break my friends persuaded me to see the newly released *Red Riding Hood* with them. While I had no prior knowledge about the movie, I was interested in it after watching the trailer, which promised a dark mystery. The film, starring Amanda Seyfried, was a big movie production that incorporated romance, special effects and action. From the very first minutes though, I knew I would not enjoy this film.

The movie opens with majestic scene of an unnamed village in the middle of nowhere. Tall trees, wooded areas and small houses fill the screens. As soon as Seyfried enters the screen with her childhood lover, it is evident that this is the basis of the film. The basic structure of the film is that there is an evil wolf that has been infiltrating the village and killing its people. The wolf sporadically murders village members every few years to remind them of his presence.

Seyfried plays a young teen named Valeria who is in love with her friend Peter. When the wolf murders her sister, the town is horrified. In a fit of rage, they attempt to avenge the death and capture the wolf. Unwisely, the men venture into a dark cave believing that they can put an end to the violence. Instead of sticking together, they decided to split up, leaving Henry, Valerie's suitor, and his father to fend for themselves. After spotting the wolf for about a millisecond, Henry's father bravely attacks the wolf, only to be murdered in the process. The rest of the men eventually capture the wolf and place his head on a stick. Proud of their capture, the men parade around the village to show off their finding. The village erupts in joy for they believe that they have caught the wolf once and for all. One man though is skeptical



Amanda Seyfried as Little Red Riding Hood.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

and believes that this beheaded wolf is not the true one.

Instead he urges the men to wait for the witch hunter, played by Gary Oldman. The witch hunter gives off a creepy vibe that makes you question his true intentions. He berates the townspeople for their foolishness and explains that the real wolf is actually a werewolf, who changes into human form after it deals with its victims. Ignoring his warnings, the town decides to celebrate with a giant, wild party. I found this scene to be rather amusing, for it was filled with a bunch of drunk, out of control townspeople. The director attempted to make this party more modern by incorporating a provocative dance and a lot of alcohol. As the townspeople soon learn that the wolf is very much alive, the rest of the movie is dedicated to finding the wolf.

Along with the capture of the wolf, the story featured a love triangle between Valerie, Peter and Henry. I feel that the director Catherine Hardwicke, also the director of the *Twilight* series, used the love story as a way to appeal to a younger generation. By

including attractive main characters and a recognizable love story, Hardwicke lured in many *Twilight* fans. I particularly found the story to be redundant and cheesy. While Seyfried is a fantastic actress, I felt that this movie did not do her justice. She was portrayed as a wide-eyed teenager who had nothing other than her beauty. Her lover Peter, played by Shiloh Fernandez, looked as though he was going to punch someone the entire movie. The characters felt emotionless at times, causing the film to lose its authenticity.

While the plot was interesting and guessing the true identity of the wolf was fun for a time, the guessing game got old and the movie dragged on. Call me biased, but if you enjoy *Twilight* you will love this movie. Otherwise, skip this decorated fairy tale for something much more worthwhile.

The Muhlenberg Activities Council
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Comedian Michael Ian
Black

Star of "Michael & Michael Have
Issues", "The State", & "Stella"

Thursday, March 31
10 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Free for students, faculty and staff
with 'Berg I.D.



MAC announces spring concert

The Muhlenberg Concert Board is happy to announce their spring concert with Wale and Chiddy Bang on Sunday, April 10 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Hip-hop artist Wale is an American rapper from Washington, DC. His debut album *Attention Deficit* was released in 2009 with the singles "Chillin'", "Pretty Girls", and "World Tour".

Chiddy Bang is an alternative hip hop band from Philadelphia. The group consists of Chidera "Chiddy" Anamege and Noah "Xaphoon Jones" Beresin. The duo met in late 2008 during their freshman year at Drexel University. Their sound is based on the fusion of hip hop and unique sample choices from alternative leading artists.

Tickets will be on sale in the lobby of Seegers Union during the weeks of March 21 and 28 and also April 4. Pre-concert discounted prices are \$10 for students, faculty & staff. Tickets for the general public are \$20 and are available through www.muhlenberg.ticket.musictoday.com or (800) 594-8499. All tickets bought on the day of concert will be \$20.

The stereotypes of sex

BY JEN ALECCI
LIFE WRITER

My name is typical college student, and I am addicted to sex. Sex. With that single word, I've probably caught your attention. What is it about the topic of sex that makes it so interesting? Is the media's coverage of sex making it more important than it should be, or do the media cover this topic because it is so important? Teens pour over issues of *Glamour*, *Seventeen Magazine*, and *Cosmo*, which feature many sex-based articles. Whether they are getting tips on thousands of different ways to please their partner, or advice about the health information, teens are obviously interested in learning more about sex.

College students are horny sexual beasts. The only thing guys think about is sex, and if they act interested in a girl, it probably means they are going to try to get in her pants. Girls are emotional and after they have sex they are liable to cry or become indecently clingy. We collect STD's without bothering to collect phone numbers. At least, all this is true based on television. If college students had sex as often as the media portrays us having sex, we wouldn't have time for anything else. Forget going to class. we'd have to be superman to exert that much energy. We'd be exhausted from all the random hookups, dramatic revenge sex, and illicit affairs that teenagers supposedly have. Are these stereotypes true? Is sex really as raunchy and typical as the media makes it seem?

Some of the stereotypes are based in fact. College students and sex do have an undeniable connection. "That's what she said" jokes, porn, and games such as "Truth or Dare" are common among students. We all have hormones and we all have sex drives (although the degree often varies). The reality is that many college students have had, are continually having, or will have sex at some point during their four years. STD's are a serious problem among our age group, and one night stands do happen. With that being said, the media exaggerates the degree to which our age

group obsesses over sex. Many of the boys that I interviewed, who prefer to remain anonymous due to the personal nature of the subject, were angry about being labeled as "only thinking about sex". One sophomore boy at Muhlenberg remarked:

"Do I think about sex a lot? Yeah, I do. I think sexual attraction is an important part of any potential relationship and that's normal. But am I picturing a girl naked every time I talk to her? Of course not. I'm also not going to dump a girl just because she doesn't want to have sex yet. Not all guys are like that."

Some guys feel pressure to live up to the stereotypes even if it isn't how they truly feel. A junior girl at Muhlenberg commented:

"I know so many guys who act like they get it in all the time, but I know for a fact that a lot of them are lying about it. But I also have a guy friend that told me he prefers cuddling to sex. So I really think that everyone is different and no one can really be generalized."

A lot of students here that I asked about sex confessed that they don't really know how often their peers have it. Many students commented that they feel sex is acceptable when you're in a committed relationship. Most agree that it's a viable way to physically express how you feel emotionally about someone. A freshman girl here at Muhlenberg makes the claim that:

"I'm in a committed relationship. When you're in a relationship and having sex, it's so much more than just hooking up with someone for the night. I feel like a lot of people don't realize this, and they end up making a mistake and regretting not waiting to find that special someone."

It seems that whatever sex stands for, it is important to college students. However, many dispute the stereotype and make the claim that every individual has their own way of handling sex. Sex is a healthy and fun part of life, when handled responsibly. I guess when it comes to sex, to each his own.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. 3/24

1) Theatre Design Exhibition from 9:00am - 9:00pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria

2) Ellen Frank: Cities of Peace from noon - 8:00pm in the Martin Art Gallery

Fri. 3/25

1) Theatre Design Exhibition from 9:00am - 9:00pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria

2) Ellen Frank: Cities of Peace from noon - 8:00pm in the Martin Art Gallery

3) Zumba from 12:10am - 12:40pm in the Life Sports Center

Sat. 3/26

1) Theatre Design Exhibition from 9:00am - 9:00pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria

2) Phi Sigma Sigma Rock-a-Thon from 9:00am - 9:00pm in the Seegers Lounge

Sun. 3/27

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2) Muhlenberg College Choir Concert from 4:00pm - 6:00pm in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall

3) Bagel Brunch from noon - 1:30pm at Hillel

Congratulations to all of the Senior Speaker nominees!

This year's speakers will be Kimberly Kaufman, Jason Steinberg, and Michael Williams!

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THE WEEKLY / SPORTS

Mules close out the 1979 basketball season; Campisi and Johnson gain All-MAC honors

by Barry Schwartz
and
Greg Campisi

Despite a disappointing overall record of 11-14, the Muhlenberg basketball team enjoyed a lot more success than anyone could have predicted at the outset of the season. The eleven victories represent the most wins for the Mule hoopers since the 1973-1974 season, and the overwhelming victory in the Moravian Christmas Tournament gave the Berg its first tournament trophy in seven years. Moreover, the cagers faced a decided height deficit all season as they started only one player over 6'1", and yet they were able to post impressive victories over such squads as Widener and Bloomsburg State, as well as a season sweep over Gettysburg College and two away victories over arch-rival Moravian. In fact, if the Mules had been able to reverse an early-season 77-75 defeat at the hands of Western Maryland, they would have tied the Green Terrors for second place in the conference.

The season started off slowly for the Mules as they lost their first four games. The first was to a tough Lafayette squad who only beat the Mules 92-84. Lafayette went on to beat Rutgers by a larger margin during the year so the loss was not so bad. The first win was over Lebanon Valley and then the Mules started to roll.

The scene was set, Muhlenberg vs. the number two team in the nation last year, Widener. The first half went well for the Mules as they pumped out to a five point lead. Then came Kenny Moyer's great plan, a stall. The Mules stalled for over five minutes which produced four Widener fouls and constant frustration. The Mules continued to lead throughout and the final outcome was a 45-41 Mule win.

Next came the Moravian Christmas Tournament. With a romp over Allentown College by the score of 96-63, led by Greg Campisi's 24 point performance. The Mules had reached the finals against Moravian. Jim Johnson sparked the team with 14 points as the Mules beat Moravian for a 1st place finish in the tournament, and Johnson and Dan Barletta were honored with All-

Tournament status. At this point the Mules were 4-4 and they seemed destined to turn the season around.

Then while the rest of the school was on their winter break the Mules played four difficult out of conference games. They split as they beat Washington and Jefferson and Bloomsburg while losing to Division I William and Mary and Lehigh.

The next few games were disappointing as the Mules lost 5 of their next 6. The one high point was a 65-64 overtime win over Gettysburg. The crowd showed their appreciation with a standing ovation after the game.

Throughout the season center Dan Barletta was flirting with Division III field goal percentage honors. His shooting came to a peak when he had a perfect 7 for 7 one night. Throughout Dan contributed playing when he was consistently giving up 3 or 4 inches to other centers. He was also supposed to fill the shoes of Jim Hay and he did so admirably.

The Mules then won 4 of their last seven and concluded their season with a win over Moravian. Senior Co-captain Greg Campisi had his best night of the season as he led all scorers with 27 points and added eight assists. Also, in a win over Dickinson, Junior Keith Williams led the team with 21 points to come from behind for a 65-64 win.

Many impressive individual performances were turned in by the hoopers during this past season. Senior Co-Captain Jim Johnson scored at a 12.4 ppg clip, as well as leading the squad in both rebounding and assists. Jim was twice named to the ECAC Honor Roll, and he also earned Honorable Mention status for the MAC Southwest Division, which is tantamount to 2nd team status. Senior co-captain Greg Campisi finished with a 13.7 ppg average to wind up his four-year varsity career with a total of 939 points. Greg was also named to the ECAC Honor Roll for the second time, and was honored with Honorable Mention recognition in the MAC Southwest Division for the second consecutive season. In addition, Campisi is expected to receive College Division Academic All-American honors

for the third consecutive year when the squad is announced in May.

Sophomore center Dan Barletta proved to be another standout for the Mules, as he led the team with a 14 ppg average and also ranked among the MAC's leading shot blockers. Barletta earned ECAC recognition also, and was one of the leading Division III field goal percentage shooters in the nation. Sophomore Dave Saylor was the only other player to average in double figures, and his accurate perimeter shooting proved to be a valuable weapon for the Mules. Junior forward Keith Williams came on very strong during the second half of the season, and his 21-point performance in a 65-64 win over Dickinson almost single-handedly led the Mules to victory. Sophomore guard Scott Becker also provided a vital cog in the Mule attack, for his fine ballhandling and shooting skills were an integral part of many a Mule victory, and his leadership skills should prove to be a great asset to next season's cage squad.

The team will return with four starters for Coach Moyer next year. Active recruitment will hopefully continue to bring such stars as Campisi and Johnson to Muhlenberg in the coming years.



Photo by Phillips
Dennis Phillips, Coach of the tennis team.

Cacciatore predicts: Phillies for NL East

by "Catfish" Cacciatore

Baseball had another great year in 1978. More people watched the game than ever before. This season will have to go far to be better than last year, which included a 44-game hitting streak by Pete Rose and phenomenal years by Ron Guidry, Jim Rice, and Dave Parker. The big question when the 26 teams reported to Spring training was — Who will beat the Yankees?

Over in the National League East, the Phillies appear to be the class of the lot. The additions of Pete Rose and Manny Trillo give Philadelphia the best starting eight in the league. Greg Luzinski and Larry Bowa had excellent years in '78. Mike Schmidt tailed off after three brilliant seasons, but he should bounce back this year. The Phillies are hurting as far as pitching goes. They don't have one healthy starter. Steve Carlton has a shoulder problem, Larry Christensen has a separated shoulder, and Dich Ruthven has a tender elbow. Unless GM Paul Owens makes a deal, the Phils will have to count on their strong bullpen to pull their starters through.

If the Phillies falter, look for the Pittsburgh Pirates to fill the void. The Bucs have the league's best player in Dave Parker, along with a strong supporting cast, including Bill Robinson, Willie Stargell, and Frank Tavares. Pittsburgh's Kent Tekulve was the league's top reliever last year, and Don Robinson, Bert Blyleven, and John Candelaria are three quality starters. The Pirates must come up with a fourth starter if they are to challenge Philadelphia. Improvements must also be made on defense.

The Montreal Expos will continue their improvement and finish third. The Expos have three of the most exciting young players in Andre Dawson, Ellis Valentine, and Warren Cromartie. The addition of Bill Lee gives Montreal a formidable group of starting

pitchers. Gary Carter is one of the best young catchers in baseball. To move up the Expos need help in the bullpen and another power hitter, preferably left-handed. In an attempt to strengthen their bullpen, the Expos signed free-agent Elias Sosa over the winter.

Herman Frank's Chicago Cubs are one of the most predictable teams in baseball. Each year they get off to a fast start, only to fade in the heat of summer. This year should be no exception. The Cubbies have some quality players in Bobby Murcer, Bill Buckner, Dave Kingman and shortstop Ivan DeJesus but as long as there are no lights at Wrigley Field, the Cubs seem destined for the second division. Chicago could also use a few more starting pitchers. Rick Reuschel should not be forced to pitch 300 innings every year.

The St. Louis Cardinals have some of the best talent in baseball but every year they finish in the second division. Garry Templeton and Ted Simmons are two of the best players in the National League. John Denny, Bob Forsch, and rookie sensation Silvio Martinez are all fine pitchers. The trouble with the Cardinals is that they can never get their hitting and pitching together in the same year. One year they lead the league in pitching but they don't hit a lick and the next year it's the exact opposite. Manager Ken Boyer must strive to develop consistency in both areas.

The pitiful New York Mets should surprise no one by again finishing sixth. New York has some fine ballplayers but the front office refuses to spend any money on what they consider to be a losing cause. The Payson family took a financial bath of over \$2 million last year and a repeat of that will probably lead to the sale of the ballclub. Lee Mazzilli, John Stearns, Craig Swan, and Steve Henderson would probably welcome the sale.

Kids defeat Philly Fever

by Barry Schwartz
and John Ochsenreither

On March 13, Muhlenberg students converged on the Spectrum for the final home game of the Philadelphia Fever. The game was anticipated as a close one as the Fever and the Cincinnati Kids have both clinched playoff berths.

The second quarter started well for the Fever with a goal, but then the Kids answered with 3 unmatched goals to make the score 7-2. With two and a half minutes left in the half, a fight broke out that emptied both benches. Lawson was assessed a two-minute violation and a yellow card. Fifteen seconds later the Kids were assessed a tripping foul. Lemon scored for the Fever with

forty-four seconds left to make it 7-3 Kids at the half. Halftime shots were in favor of the Fever. They had 27 compared to 23 Kids shots on goal.

After 3 quarters of play the Kids were up 9-4. The game was typified when Grgurev's shot hit the crossbar and bounced out for the Fever. Missed passes and lack of teamwork caused the downfall of the Fever.

With one and a half minutes into the fourth period, the Fever was assessed a penalty. The Kids made the most of it with a score. The rest of the game was purely academic as the Kids beat the Fever 12-4. Game MVP's were Messing and Cuemca, both for Cincinnati, and Aves of Philly.

Fencing finishes a challenging season

by Alice Mitilineos

The Muhlenberg fencing team captains this year, Jim Mitilineos and Bill Hight, feel that many of the team's losses this season were due to the team's lack of experience. Jim Mitilineos is a senior, Business Administration/Accounting major from Brooklyn, New York. He has been fencing for 7 years, and was the captain of his high school team. After he graduates Muhlenberg, Jim is going to go to grad school to get his MBA. Bill Hight is a junior, History/Secondary Education major. He, too, fenced in high school, and has been fencing for a total of six years.

The Muhlenberg fencing team started its season off strongly with a big win over University of Maryland this year, but soon after that they hit tougher teams which discouraged many fencers. According to captains Jim and

Bill, even though many fencers were discouraged, the team's spirit remained high all season.

Jim, Bill, Bob Benn, Scott Ross, and Hal Yeager were the only experienced fencers on the team this year. Despite no experience and limited coaching, there was a strong showing by the women's team this year. They did exceptionally well for beginning fencers.

The team's record could have been better if it weren't for the "farce" at Lafayette, where the officials failed to show up. As a result, the coaches of the 2 teams competing had to act as judges—and many unfair calls were made which caused much resentment amongst the teams. There was also a disappointing cancellation against Haverford earlier in the season. This was upsetting because Muhlenberg felt that they probably would have won this meet.

Bill and Jim feel that there

should be a strong team next year because they will only lose 3 seniors this year, and the entire women's team should be returning. Hopefully there will be better coaching and improved practice conditions next year.

Jim was disappointed in his personal performance in the MAC's on March 3rd, and he was also disappointed in the overall team's showing — except Bill's. Bill Hight placed sixth in the MAC's. He was happy to make it to the finals, but was disappointed at missing the nationals by one point! Co-captain Jim would like to extend special thanks to freshman Mike Goodman for his superb coaching at the MAC's. The team would like to thank Emmett Kelly for his "inspirational leadership" and Bill feels that "special credit should be given to Jim Mitilineos for four years of dedicated fencing and good leadership."

The Replacements: Part II

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

We are in week two of the NFL Lockout and the possibility of having no football in 2011 looms larger every day. If the players cannot come to an agreement, can we at least get some funny, crazy replacement players to watch on Sundays?

Shane Falco was able to make it work, so why can't some former college or NFL greats comeback and make a difference? JaMarcus Russell was the number one draft pick just a few years ago. Perhaps he can come back and try to regain his form from LSU. Maybe the NFL's greatest "busts" can come back and give it one more try. Ryan Leaf can't be any worse than he was a decade ago. Bring back some recently retired stars. Tiki Barber has already hopped on the bandwagon.

The lockout will not only hurt owners, players, and fans, but also other groups, businesses and companies. The chicken wing industry estimates they could lose millions of dollars if there is no football this upcoming season. So many of the wings they produce go to sports bars during the

fall, and if there is no football, the demand for wings will definitely diminish.

The job market is already terrible and I don't think we want to have to deal with chicken manufacturers competing for jobs with us now as well. So there must be football, for the sake of our future!

There are a lot of people who would love to play professional football. Kimbo Slice should be available and who wouldn't love to watch him out there playing? I'd love to watch him play any position, really. Mike Vick probably has some friends he met in prison that could play. It could be like "The Longest Yard," even though watching the players on the Cincinnati Bengals the past few years has felt like watching a team straight out of the penitentiary.

Whether we are watching Drew Brees or Drew Bledsoe, there has to be football in the fall. If there isn't, then everyone misses out. One final note, replacement players could open the door for...a Brett Favre comeback! Whether you just love the game or are worried

about the chicken vendors going out of business and taking your job, we all can agree that the lockout must end, at least so Favre can finally go away.



Men's Lacrosse drops C.C. opener in 2OT

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With the ball rolling on the ground behind the cage, the members of the Muhlenberg men's lacrosse team were not sure why the Franklin & Marshall bench had just

stormed the field.

The Mules figured the Diplomat shot must have sailed wide; otherwise it would've been in the goal. But after checking the cage, the officials ruled the ball actually broke through the side of the net and was indeed a goal.

And with that simple, and correct, ruling, the Mules lost a 6-5 heartbreaker in double overtime in the Centennial Conference opener for both teams.

It was the third straight time the teams played a multiple-overtime game in Lancaster. Muhlenberg won in triple overtime in 2008, and F&M prevailed in triple OT last year.

Muhlenberg (2-4, 0-1) got on the board first when junior Clint Watkins caught a pass from sophomore Jack Reilly in traffic and one-timed it into the back of the net with 4:49 to play in the first quarter.

The Diplomats (5-1, 1-0) responded with back-to-back goals in the second quarter and appeared to be headed to the locker room with the lead until Reilly, once again playing behind the cage, rifled a pass to senior Brent Siebold, who caught and shot in one motion to retie the game with 7.7 seconds to play before halftime.

F&M went back in front less than four minutes into the second half, but the Mules pulled even a little more than a minute later on a heads-up, or rather foots-

up, play by senior Zachary Armstrong.

Making a run at the net on a fast break, Armstrong lost control of the ball when his stick was checked. With the ball rolling on the ground, Armstrong showed his inner

Pelé and kicked it past the Diplomat defenders and into the net.

The F&M bench roared in disapproval, but the ref just responded, "That's legal."

However, the Mule celebration was short lived as the Diplomats scored consecutive goals to open up the only two-goal lead of the game.

But with a little more than minute to play in the quarter, Reilly made a charge at the net from behind the cage. After beating his defender, Reilly leapt from just outside the crease and shot while in midair. The ball flew over the goalie's left shoulder to make it a one-goal game entering the fourth quarter.

Despite being outshot 12-5 in the final quarter, the Mule defense kept F&M off the board. Senior Mike Horowitz made four of his 17 saves in the fourth and held the Diplomats scoreless for a stretch of almost 24 minutes.

But the Mules still trailed when senior Andy Curley delivered a punishing check and forced a turnover with 4:40 to play.

The Mules got the ball to Siebold, who knifed through the defense and scored from almost point-blank range, tying the game for the fourth time and sending it to overtime. The two teams traded scoring opportunities in the extra sessions before F&M struck with 1:30 left in the second extra period.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

March 10 - March 21

Women's Basketball

(23-6)

Mar 11: @ Amherst
L 79-60

Baseball

(3-14-1, 0-0)

Mar 11: vs. Penn State Behrend
L 3-1, L 6-3
Mar 12: vs. Salve Regina
L 10-9
Mar 13: vs. St. Scholastica
L 6-2, L 10-3
Mar 15: Moravian
W 3-2

Mar 16: @ TCNJ

cancelled

Mar 18: vs. St. John Fisher
L 10-3
Mar 19: vs. St. John Fisher
L 16-2, L 16-3

Softball

(8-5, 0-0)

Mar 10: vs. Lesley
W 8-1
Mar 15: vs. Elizabethtown
L 5-3, W 10-9
Mar 17: @ Drew
L 3-1, W 17-4
Mar 19: @ Neumann
W 1-0, L 7-6

Women's Lacrosse

(4-2, 0-1)

Mar. 10: vs. Susquehanna
W 13-10
Mar. 16: @ FDU
L 16-13
Mar. 19: @ Franklin and Marshall
L 11-4

Men's Lacrosse

(2-4, 0-1)

Mar. 12 vs. St. Mary's
W 9-5
Mar. 19 @ Franklin and Marshall
L 6-5 (2ot)

Why I'm Done Filling Out Brackets

By JEREMY FUCHS
SPORTS WRITER

Every year, when Selection Sunday rolls around, I devour the NCAA's Men's College Basketball bracket. I analyze match ups, go through different scenarios, and try to come up with a winning bracket.

And every year, I fail. I have not won, nor have I finished in the top three of my pool to win any money. The one year I did come close, I finished fourth, and the person in third picked a team to go far because of their colors. That was disappointing.

And yet, every year, I spend a decent amount of money and go crazy over who should win. And usually, by the end of the first weekend, I'm pretty much out of it.

This year was no different. I followed my same formula for supposed success and picked what I thought would be a good bracket.

March Madness is a great time, and for a basketball nut like myself, it's an excuse to watch basketball all day. At noon on Thursday, the games were on and they did not stop until midnight. I sacrificed that beautiful day last week to watch basketball. And I'm happy I did. March Madness, for basketball fans, is like Christmas.

Yet, this year, once again, after the first weekend, my bracket is done. I had Kansas State in the Final Four. They lost in the second round. I had Syracuse in the Elite Eight. They lost in the second round. My champion, Kansas, is still alive, but I have not accumulated enough points to win. Those early games are killer.

So, I've produced another disappointing bracket and another waste of money. Contemplating my failure, and not liking my wallet shrinking, I've started to

consider the alternative.

No brackets. Just watch the games. Pick a team to root for, or just root for underdogs. Better yet, root for great games. No stress. No agony. No nervously checking your phone discreetly in class. Just pure basketball.

Because, after all, that's what March Madness is truly about. Great basketball, great players, great teams, great games. Each year, teams surprise you and become part of sports lore. Butler of a year ago, for example. George Mason from a few years back.

March Madness is about stories, about players from schools nobody has heard of becoming stars, excelling on the biggest collegiate stage. It's about Cinderella teams and upsets.

Most people have their bracket ruined by the first weekend. This year is no exception. Sitting with friends watching Kansas State lose in heartbreaking fashion to Wisconsin Saturday night was terrible. I saw my bracket, and money, go down the drain.

I turned to a friend to ask him who he had in that game. He said he didn't have a bracket. He didn't want the agony. That man is a genius. He was just enjoying the games for what they are: basketball games.

While this year cannot be saved, there is always next year. I am making a pledge. No brackets. No pools. Just basketball.

I will still watch each game religiously, still pick teams to root for, and hope for upsets. I just won't have the stress of losing.

Women's Lacrosse starts the season

By COURTNEY BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

The College's Women's lacrosse (4-2, 0-1) team started out on a winning streak this season, with their first four games ending in Mule victories.

Last Wed., Mar. 16, the Mules encountered their first loss of the season, and only their second non-conference loss in the past six seasons, against the FDU-Florham Devils (3-1). The Mules were trailing in the first half, with the score at 8-5. Even after halftime, the Devils' offense refused to let up and scored six more goals before the Mules made any sort of comeback. The Mules' Danielle Rosen, Senior Attack, along with Junior Angela Napoletano, brought their score to 13, against the Devils' 15 points. Rosen tied her career high with six goals and also added two assists, while Napoletano finished with five goals and an assist for her fifth hat trick of the season. Unfortunately, the Mules did not make their way to the Devils' net again, and FDU-Florham sealed the deal with one last shot, leaving the final score at 16-13.

Over the weekend, the Lady Mules encountered their second loss of the season against F&M Diplomats (5-1, 1-0). This was the Centennial Conference opener for both teams. The Mules managed to take 14 shots against the Dips, although they remained scoreless for the first 18 minutes of the game. Rosen made the first goal of the game at 18:37, while the Dips were up with three goals, but F&M landed another three in the Mules' net before the end of the half. In the latter half of the

game, F&M managed to score five more goals, making the final score 11-4 in favor of the Diplomats. However, Sophomore Attack Alex Belini scored a goal (assisted by Senior Attack Christine Van Hise) and Napoletano (with two goals) upped their personal stats in the second half of the game.

The next game for the Women's Lacrosse Team will have been played on Wed. Mar. 23 against Montclair State. On Sat. Mar. 26, the Lady Mules will play against Gettysburg at home at 4:00, with an away game on Wed., Mar. 30 at Haverford.



Junior Angela Napoletano scored twice for the Mules in their loss to the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats.

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Upcoming Schedule

Softball

Mar 25: vs. Cortland State, 3:00

Mar 26: vs. Gettysburg, 4:00

Baseball

Mar 24: vs Albright, 4:00

Mar 26: at Washington College, 12:30 DH

Women's Tennis

Mar 26: vs Gettysburg, 1:00

Mar 29: at Moravian, 4:00

Men's Tennis

Mar 24: vs. Arcadia, 4:00

Mar 26: vs Gettysburg, 1:00

FROM BUTLER | PAGE 16 of doing what they did last year. By focusing on their crucial losses and forgetting that extremely talented players did not get Butler to within a point of beating Duke in the title game, it was a head coach that stressed teamwork, committing to excellence, self-awareness, learning from your mistakes, and giving of yourself for the betterment of the team. Last year's Butler team like this year's team bought into this system, and they are as dangerous as ever. The next time Butler plays they may not be the more talented team or even favored to win, but they will be a more prepared 'team' in every sense of the word.

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Women's Basketball season ends in Sweet 16

By DANIEL E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

After two come from behind wins in the opening rounds of the Division 3 NCAA Tournament, the Lady Mules (23-6) were defeated 79-60 in the round of 16 by the Lord Jeffs (29-1) from Amherst College.

Ranked No. 2 in the nation, Amherst had a little too much fire power for the Mules. After starting the game on a 9-0 run, the Lord Jeffs comfortably held the lead for the rest of the game.

The Mules scoreless streak ended when Senior Guard Kelly McKeon knocked down a jumper for two of her game-high 22 points. With contributions from Senior Guard Alexandra Berlin and Freshman Forward Erin Laney, the Mules were able to pull within seven points of Amherst.

But from that point on it was the Lord Jeffs' game as they went on a 22-6 run to end the first half with a 47-24 lead.

While the Lady Mules made a comeback, ultimately outscoring Amherst in the second half, the later effort was not enough. Amherst shot 51% from the field, while the Mules were held to a respectable 43.2%.



Left: Junior Alexandra Chili scored 7 points in a loss to Amherst; Right: Kelly McKeon had a game high 22 points.

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"We actually didn't play that bad," said Head Coach Ron Rohn of his team. "They [Amherst] just played really well tonight."

With the loss came the end of the careers of three seniors, Berlin, McKeon, and Center Shelia Cook.

Berlin, who after transferring to 'Berg at the beginning of her junior season, scored 334 points during her two years at the College.

McKeon closed out her career in the top five in school history in assists (453, first), points (1,237, fifth) and rebounds (763, fifth).

Cook, while hampered with injuries during the first half of the season, finished with 12 points in the game to bring her career total to 974, good for the 10th spot on 'Berg's all-time scoring list.

"Obviously, knowing this is the last time I will put on a Muhlenberg uniform hurts a lot," Cook said. "But at the same time, to be able to be a part of a special group like this and say I was on the only two teams to ever go to the 'Sweet 16' is something I will always cherish."

"This is a great group of girls," the senior added about her four years with the team, "and I will never forget the incredible memories we made together."

Butler does it again in the NCAAs

By EVAN KASAKOVE
SPORTS WRITER

In one of his first games coaching the Butler Bulldogs of Indianapolis, Indiana Brad Stevens felt nervous and a product of that was he team played a little on edge. That was when Stevens decided that his demeanor would not affect his team negatively; in fact a calm and composed countenance would equate to a calm and composed basketball team. Well his equanimity and stoicism throughout a frenzied and downright chaotic game was a key factor in Butler's thrilling one point victory over the heavily favored Pittsburgh Panthers.

Pittsburgh was a number one seed from the Southeast region and was favored by many to make it to the final four from what was thought to be one of the easiest regions. Well the round of 32 or third round was marked by close games and unexpected upsets, this game between Pitt and Butler may not have been as a big a surprise as was first thought. This Butler team is one year removed from an incredible journey to the 2010 National Championship game, where Gordon Hayward's last second half-court heave came within inches of finalizing the much hyped Cinderella story. Well maybe that Butler team and certainly this one is not as much a Cinderella as we would like to believe. In Brad Steven's first season as head coach of Butler, he led the team to a 30-4 record and the second round of the NCAA tournament. Three years after that fantastic first year his record is now 114-24.

That is an astonishing .826 winning percentage. Keep in mind this is a mid-major university with a bit over 4000 students. How does Brad Stevens keep the so called magic alive? It's just "The Butler Way."

The Butler Way originated by Steven's predecessor Todd Lickliter is based on five principles: humility, passion, unity, servanthood, and thankfulness. These valuable and exceptionally difficult goals to achieve describe the on-court result of these Butler Bulldogs and it starts with their fearless and ultra-competitive leader. Stevens says, "I tell the players 'the Butler Way' isn't easy to define, but you can see it on the floor when we share the basketball, play with great energy, and defend." Stevens made this strategy successful and Butler's ability to do all those things with a high level of execution was what gave Butler the lead throughout most of their game against Pittsburgh and in crunch time the cool and collective Stevens gave the Bulldogs the poise to win the game.

The game ended in an unprecedented and falling off your chair fashion. With about 2.4 seconds left Butler just scored a layup to seemingly give Butler the win on a well-developed and executed play. With no timeouts left Pittsburgh has to inbound the ball from underneath the basket and get one clean look at the basket. With a leading pass down the left side of the court from about the right side of Pittsburgh's endline Shelvin Mack, one of Butler's best players, and 30 point scorer in the game, with an extraordinary 7 three pointers on 7-12 shooting, needlessly runs into Gilbert Brown of the

Panthers at the side of the left half-court line, fouling him and giving him a chance to take two free throws and potentially win the game. Brown makes the first for a tie game at 70-70. Brown missed the second for what would have been overtime, except Matt Howard after the rebound intelligently tries to shoot the three pointer from right next to his own basket, about 90 feet away, where Nasir Robinson inexplicably has his arm extended on to Howard's left arm as Howard attempts the impossible shot as Robinson is called for the foul. With a trip to the Sweet Sixteen on the line Howard makes the first to give Butler the one point 71-70 lead. Howard intentionally misses the second and Pittsburgh got the rebound, but with only .8 of a second left there is not enough time for them to get a shot off and they lost the game in an absolutely heart-crushing fashion.

Pittsburgh's loss was defeating for them, but this game was more of a testament to what Butler did right then what Pittsburgh did wrong, those baffling final seconds excluded. Butler played better defense and moved the ball around with tremendous fluidity and purpose and in the end deserved to win the game. What surprised most people was that Butler lost key contributors and seniors William Veasley and Avery Dukes from last year and superstar player and sophomore Gordon Hayward to the NBA. Most basketball people and myself wrote off this Butler team as still a good team, but not capable

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XOXO, GOSSIP GIRL

The College has announced that this year's commencement speaker will be Justin Bieber, motivational speaker and former world-renowned pop sensation.

Bieber enjoyed two years of celebrity after his 2009 hit single "One Time" found fans in millions of prepubescent tween-age girls. His fame began when R&B sensation Usher discovered him on YouTube, an early form of the video-sharing internet database we know today. By the year 2011, Bieber had the most-watched video on YouTube of all time, for a song called "Baby" in which the young singer croons "baby baby baby, oh, like baby baby baby."

Bieber arguably began the mid-2000s music trend of repeating lyrics as redundantly as possible. Other offenders included the late Britney Spears' "Womanizer" ("womanizer womanizer, you're a womanizer, oh, womanizer") and one Wiz Khalifa's "Black and Yellow" ("yeah, uh-huh, you know what it is: black and yellow black and yellow black and yellow"). In this era, Bieber skyrocketed. Today, he looks back on this time in his life as one time when he was winning... duh.

This winning streak came to a screeching halt in the spring of 2011 with the rise of Rebecca Black. Black came

on the music scene with her pop-sensation "Friday," a traditionally repetitive song that listeners believed to be the work of a parody artist. Black's listeners, most of whom listened to her song as a joke, nevertheless helped her into the spotlight. In a televised interview, a thirteen year old Black gushed that she would love to do a duet with Justin Bieber. Bieber, who was a young and naïve seventeen year old at the time, saw Rebecca Black as a chance to monopolize his tween audience.

Bieber and Black's collaboration release, entitled "One Less Lonely Friday," came out within a month of Black's original release. It was a pop-ballad hybrid that, to put it politely, tanked. The song, which premiered live on a morning talk show, singlehandedly brought an end to the morning show "Good Morning America" and caused a riot among fans in the audience. Bieber's fans were so offended by an onstage kiss between Black and Bieber, who tried to save face by claiming that Black had gotten him drunk before the show, that many deserted him immediately and began listening to Frankie Jonas instead.

Bieber went into a post-Black depression spiral, during which he impregnated Disney Channel starlet Selena Gomez. Since his and Gomez's divorce, Bieber has been known for his eenie meenie miney mo lovin and getting banned for life from Portugal. Recently, however, Bieber has taken up motivational speaking in the hopes of



inspiring others to make good choices in high-pressure situations.

In terms of his commencement speech, students can expect to hear a reflective Bieber talk about his glory days. It is the hope of the College administration that hearing Bieber's story will inspire graduating seniors to look for stable, long-term careers.

In an exclusive pre-commencement interview with *The Weekly*, Bieber had a surprisingly inspirational message for students of the College. "Never say never," he said, "never ever, never, never ever, never ever." Although one could argue that maybe Bieber should have said "never" to Rebecca Black. Just maybe.

Exclusive interview with Dean Green: First bionic woman! Literally!

XOXO, GOSSIP GIRL

Dean Karen Green, who has worked for the College since 2006, is the longest-running member of the Berg staff. Her secret? She is the world's first completely bionic woman! Dean Green took a moment to sit down with the staff of *The Weekly* to talk about her many, many years here at the College.

As the first entirely bionic woman, you've experienced quite a bit of celebrity. What is your favorite thing about being in the spotlight? I thoroughly enjoyed gracing the cover of *Persons Magazine* last Fall! Becoming the face of bionic surgery has been one of my



biggest accomplishments. It's a safer and much more effective process than plastic surgery.

Plastic Surgery? What's that?

It was a form of surgery used mostly by famous people who wanted to become skinny and change the structure of their face.

Why would anyone want to be skinny?

Oh, skin and bones was all the rage back in the 2000s! It was before *The Biggest Winner* became popular.

Rumor has it your transformation began with a simple knee replacement. Where did it go from there?

It was two

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This is a very, VERY serious editorial

While cleaning out our office, we came across this editorial from the staff of 2011. It seems like after years of countless hours of hard labor during production nights, they finally cracked. Here's the evidence, which we present to you 50 years later.

Honestly, we just
want to fill this
space so we can
go to trivia.

Well, we can only hope they won, and now 50 years later this editorial staff will dominate and be winning, duh.

Marijuana legalized



VEAL PARMESAN
OP/ED COLUMNIST

This week the court decided for marijuana legalization in addition to gradual legalization of all drugs throughout the country. President Palin said after the decision was released, "This was a triumph for our nation. Winning, duh. We have come together as a people and made the right decision that was in the best interest for our country, our families, and my fellow Alaskans, who really need these drugs when they are you know ice fishin' and stuff..." When

asked why she thought this was the best move for our country, President Palin replied, "I mean those who argued for the legalization of drugs really had a good view of how their legalization will make me more popular with my fan base, but of course the most important was their ideas on how the legalization of drugs will help our economic growth and especially get us out of this darn deep deficit hole we keep on diggin'!"

Economists on the case argue that the United States spends \$68 billion per year on corrections, with one-third of all corrections being for non-violent crimes. Another \$150 billion is spent on policing and courts. The most shocking statistic released is that 48% of all drug arrests are marijuana-related. Therefore, with marijuana now legalized, the country will be saving over \$200 billion just on the elimination of non-violent drug related corrections.

When asked what this means for unemployment and what the money will go toward instead, Vice President Hillary Rodham Clinton replied, "the money saved from legalizing marijuana will primarily be spent cultivating marijuana farms. These farms will be a short-term expense with a long-term profit. We will teach local Californians how to grow for optimum potency

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This is your brain on technology

BY BIG LETTUCE
OP/ED WRITER

A week ago, on CNN.com, there was a story about the latest craze amongst college and high school students: overloading on electronics (aka "loading"). According to the article, loading can be defined as: "Simultaneously using multiple electronic devices to the point that the participant is completely numb to all external stimuli." If you take anything from this article, remember this: loading is a serious problem.

CNN notes that loading is becoming the new choice drug amongst teenagers. While our parents had Four Loko and Adderol, kids these days are using the much more expensive and complex drug. Loading, the article states, has had negative physiological and psychological effects on the kids who are using.

Doctors are concerned. "Splitting your attention to so many different technologies can cause split Schizophrenia, or 'personality disorder,'" Dr. D. Eva Dintz of Columbia University's Neuroscience Department said in the article. "The person talking on the phone with your mom can be very different than the person flaming a blogger and can be extremely different from the person sexting with a stranger in Sri Lanka. When these personalities cohabit the brain so often, the likelihood of this disorder increases tenfold. The effects can be disastrous."

Not only does loading have a psychological effect, but it can become a social detriment. What's more annoying than someone talking on their phone during a movie at a theatre? How about someone texting, talking on their phone, checking their email, writing on their blog, listening to music, and playing a game in an otherwise quiet, dark movie theatre.

Loading can also destroy otherwise healthy relationships. One of my friends recently broke up with her boyfriend because his loading had gotten out of control. "He used to just play video games. That was fine. At least then I still got a grunt or a nod in response to something I'd say," she said under the condition of anonymity. "Now he doesn't even acknowledge me. It makes me miss the days when he only played Call of Duty and yelled at 11-year-olds in his head set."

When her boyfriend was asked for why he does it, he simply said: "Winning, duh." Alcohol, speed, cocaine; all fine, but loading destroys lives. Signs of a loading problem include: dry eyes, callused thumbs, increased irritability, a loss of sleep, and a loss of interest in direct social interaction. I plead: if you have a problem or know somebody who does, seek help before it's too late.

"Tween Mom"

BY JELLY BEAN
OP/ED WRITER

I have always been a fan of 3-D television. There's nothing I enjoy more than watching old Willow Smith reality show reruns as they were meant to be seen in the comforts of my own home. But I admit that this awesome technology only made my hatred of the show "Tween Mom" ten times worse. Having to watch eleven-year-old Jesse give birth to quintuplets would've been bad enough in only two dimensions. Not to mention NOT winning, duh.

Which brings me to my biggest concern with television today. "Tween Mom" is the first in a line of serious offenders marketed to our age group. It's a collection of TV series that can only be classified as raunchy, racy, and radically inappropriate.

"Tween Mom" centers on the lives of five ten-to eleven-year-olds who are pregnant or have given birth to children. The show jumps between their storylines, which include plot points like Raylin's physical abuse of her boyfriend and the aforementioned Jesse trying to figure out who the father of her quintuplets is.

As if an eleven-year-old giving birth to FOUR children isn't bad enough, the babies have THREE possible fathers. What ever happened to waiting until high school to have sex?

I was recently venting to my parents about my frustration with today's "reality" TV and was fascinated to hear about some of the things they watched during their college years. It turns out that "Tween Mom" was a spin-off of a show called "Teen Mom," and that was a follow-up to a show called "16 and Pregnant." The titles say it all: which is that television during our parents' era was worlds more appropriate than what we see today. It's hard to even imagine how these shows would have been presented, with so much less-drama and scandal than the versions of them currently on TV.

By airing shows like "Tween Mom," MTV3 is glorifying something that its audience shouldn't be learning as acceptable behavior. I wish there was a way for us to revert back to the quality, tasteful television of fifty years ago, but I know better than to think that a highly-viewed channel like MTV3 would be willing to sacrifice its young, disturbed fan base.

I guess I'll just have to settle for watching the oldies with my parents, who are currently trying to dig up old episodes of a show called "Jersey Shore." Imagine, a show about southern New Jersey before it became a landfill! I can't imagine anything more tasteful than that.

Genetically engineering humans

BY VEGAN PORK
OP/ED WRITER

Is it possible to genetically engineer a human being? The answer is yes. Recently doctors across the nation have been pushing genetic engineering on couples that wish to have children. Their reasons are two-fold. The first is that genetic engineering can put a stop to life-threatening diseases by taking out cancer-causing genetics or removing characteristics that pose a potential threat. Additionally the life span of a genetically engineered person is significantly longer than normal. Some estimates predict 100-150 years to be the norm. Scientists are trying to understand the genetics of aging but they believe that once they do so they will be able to reverse aging through the manipulation of genes.

Just this week the first genetic babies were born. Their parents chose the hair and eye color of their child; and even details such as the length of their child's nose. A few couples were given the opportunity to choose character traits for their child. I was told in a phone interview with the parents, that they just went off of instinct, "We chose our babies character traits off instinct. We didn't really know exactly what we were going to pick when we went to the office, but we knew we wanted a well-rounded baby. Not one that was overly intelligent or overly social, but one in between. We think this will be good. Winning, huh!"

Another couple in Washington D.C. gave their statement on their child's make-up: "Our baby has the genetic make-up of a genius. His genes match

up with Bill Gates', but his physical attributes are more like George Clooney's... can you see a George Clooney look-alike with the smarts of Bill Gates walking around? I can, and he is going to be our baby boy! Oh we are so proud."

But can the pros of genetic engineering really be enough to give people the opportunity to wield the hand of God? Should we have the power to manipulate Nature? Religious beliefs aside, over 80% of the food we eat is genetically modified. It would be unsustainable to feed the world off organic non-modified produce, which would ultimately lead to starvation. If we can genetically modify our food, then why can't we genetically modify our people? Scientists have been searching for cancer remedies for decades, diseases kill millions globally, and

now there is a way to prevent this suffering.

The real threat is the selling of genetic traits. Couples undergoing the process of genetically engineering their child have begun to seek genetic traits from those they admire. For example, if a couple wishes their child to have the intelligence of Bill Gates, scientists can simply take pieces of Bill Gates' genes and add them to the gene of the couple's child. This type of restructuring is beginning to gain some momentum and celebrities are beginning to feel the pressure. Kim Kardashian announced yesterday that she would be selling the genetics for her in-demand backside separate from her strong jaw line. Nevertheless, scientists warn potential clients that plastic surgery does not translate in genetics.

Upgrade the bell

BY ARTICHOKE BROCOLLI
OP/ED WRITER

Talk about the Stone Age...the Hass bell needs an upgrade as bad as Justin Bieber needs to stop singing like a 12-year-old even though he's going gray. But seriously, it's 2061 and the College is still using a real bell, come on! We're walking around with tiger blood, while there's a bell at the top of a tower. What we need is something more realistic for this day and age.

What we need is computerized chimes. Yes, computerized bell noises that chime every hour from conspicuously hidden black speakers that are on top of the tower where the bell should be. It should be so realistic that freshmen think that there's really a bell there! What idiots they would sound like! Recently the College's historian, Art Doesntexistinthefuture, says that ever since the College replaced Victor's Lament with a hologram of it, everyone's gone more modern. Even President Randy Helm

VI replaced his bow tie, made iconic by his great-great-great-great grandfather Randy Helm, with a clip-on and on Fridays is starting to wear those T-shirts that look like tuxedos from the front so that he doesn't have to wear a tie at all. Student Joe King (get it?) said, "We should infuse some Adonis DNA into that bell."

I mean you can't process something like an old bell with a normal brain, that's something for fools and trolls." Clearly the College has undergone changes in the past, so why not change the bell. A few years ago, in 2034, the College did away with the "caring community" tagline and replaced it with the more passionate, "If you're part of our family, we will love you violently." This bell job should be simple; maybe all the students can pitch in. Let's all just bang seven-gram rocks and just run on our one gear: go! With all that in us, it can't take us more than a few hours.

I mean, can't is the cancer of happening....winning, huh!

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and the best methods for cultivation. Marijuana plantations will bring in thousands of jobs and could potentially lower the unemployment rate from 8% down to an economy boosting low of 4%."

In addition, the government will see an increase of income as marijuana cultivation begins to grow. An estimated 10% government pot tax will yield \$1.4 billion in revenue. An additional state pot tax will bring in financial stability for California and for Governor John Belushi, who had no comment except, "Marijana? Where!?"

The court's decision came as no surprise on Monday. Judges were given samples of the products Thursday at the hearings to make sure they could be rapidly grown and sold, which led to an eruption of laughter in the court that could be heard across the country.

On Friday, celebrities came to court in support of California and put on an impromptu performance for the judges which included a performance by Lil' Wayne of his new song, "Do it For the Kids" and one by TI and Kanye West entitled "Smoke for the Broke."

Senator John McCain was not available for comment, but his press secretary did report that he is seriously considering a job offer from the Chinese government where his position would primarily be: Wall-Building Control.

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Hover-meals. Literally.

XOXO, GOSSIP GIRL

Today, Dining Services announced that starting next semester there will no longer be dining halls. All meals will be delivered directly to students' windows in their dormitory or house via hovercars. While this seems like a drastic change that might be difficult to get used to, have no fear, one constant still remains: the College has, once again, renewed its contract with Sodexo.

Here's how the new system will work: students place their order online through Dining Services' new "Winning, duh" ordering system. There will also be an app available for all smartphones for ordering on the go. To order, students will enter their college identification number as well as a password, to access their own personal account on the system. From there, students can view the menu for the day and select their options. The system will also keep track of all orders so that it can recognize frequently ordered meals. This serves two purposes: one, this list of "favorites" will be the first screen to appear when students log on, making it quicker and easier for students to place their order,

and two, Dining Services will be able to compare all students favorite meals to create a menu that will better serve the student body.

The student body has mixed feelings about this new initiative, but most are willing to at least give it a try. "I think it's kinda cool, like your own drive-thru," stated senior Ali Shepherd. "WHAT?!" cried out junior Evan Smith, President of EnAct. "The environment has already gone to s***. Dining Services, and consequently this college is going to single handedly destroy our world by polluting the air with waste from the hovercrafts." "Why are you angry?" asked a senior who overheard Smith's outburst, "This means that there won't be any more trays ever again. See, you finally win." "As long as the environment is still suffering, none of us win," shot back Smith. "Except Charlie Sheen... winning for 50 years and counting...duh"

Whatever feelings surround this new plan, the College has stated that it is confident that it will continue to make Muhlenberg a desirable and progressive institution. Once implemented, the College will be the only school in the country to offer this kind of service. "MIT's



A sneak peek at the prototype for the hover

craft

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got nothing on us," Dean Green confidently stated. "Our 50 years of careful under-the-radar planning to dominate the higher education system is finally coming to fruition. FEAR THE MULE!"

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Friday	Friday
		
Pleasantly sunny High: 75	Brilliant sunshine High: 93	Weather Alert! Scorchin' hot!

Easter Break!!

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on April 21st at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on April 25th at 10:00 a.m.

(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with written permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A Request To Stay Over Break Form must be submitted by every student who stays, including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at:

www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, April 11th.

Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call Residential Services at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

FROM BIONIC | PAGE 1

knee replacements, actually! I felt so much better having knees that were constructed by trustworthy doctors than when I was approached for some new, experimental replacement technologies. I was happy to be a guinea pig. The first of the experimental procedures involved replacing my arm with a bionic construction. After a few glitches, the arm became my own.

Do you have any fears about living with such a dependence on technology?

Never! Before I became bionic, I had some concerns about the direction society was moving in. Back in 2009, however, the movie *Wall-e* was released and it squashed all my fears. The robots were so cute and caring that I felt inspired to embrace our inevitable technological future, even if it did predict that our world would become a landfill. But here we are, over fifty years later, and we've only lost the state of New Jersey to our need for garbage storage!

What kinds of reactions do you get from students when they find out about your bionic qualities?

Most students are well-adjusted enough to today's technology that they don't find my 'robotic' qualities at all strange or intimidating. I will admit that I have had some awkward run-ins during Parents' Weekends in the past few years. The older generations are often surprised to learn that I am the bionic woman. They are expecting something straight out of *The Terminator* or *Bicentennial Man*.

What are those?

Movies... from way before your time! Now you're making me feel old!

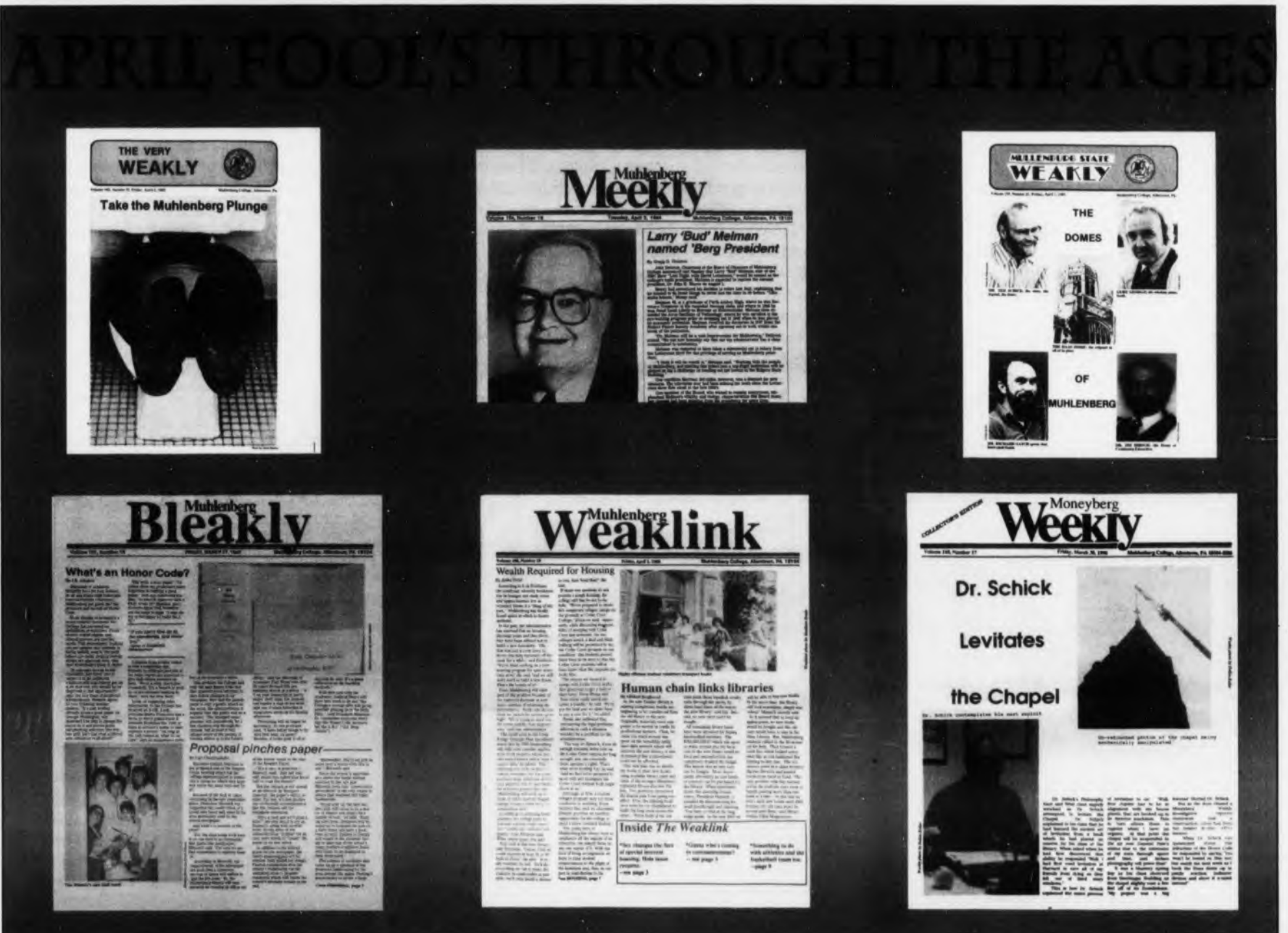
You've been Dean here at the College for longer than anyone else in Muhlenberg's history. What has changed the most about Muhlenberg in the past 50 years? What has stayed the same?

Obviously, the technological advancements have been countless. From hover food to the Sky Space, things pretty much revolve around developments of the past ten years.

As far as things that have stayed the same, I have to say, The Muhlenberg Weekly has somehow managed to remain as devoid of technology as it was back in 2011! I am impressed with the staff's determination to preserve the past.

What would you say to a student who dreams of becoming like you one day?

I would encourage them to follow their dream! It might be a daunting idea at first, but trust me, once all your insides are replaced with metal, you will feel like you are winning. Duh.



Campus Safety Notes

MARCH 25- THEFT- WOULD THE PERSON WHO STOLE VICTOR'S LAMENT PLEASE RETURN IT TO ITS NORMAL AWKWARD LOCATION ON OUR FRONT LAWN. LITERALLY. RETURN HIM.

MARCH 25- TWO OFFICERS ON BIKES WERE CAUGHT NOT WEARING THEIR UNIFORMS. WEAR YOUR UNIFORM AT ALL TIMES. LITERALLY. AT ALL TIMES.

MARCH 25- REPORT OF INJURED STUDENT- STUDENT WAS SHOCKED WHILE TAKING OFF HIS COAT. LITERALLY. SHOCKED. STUDENT REFUSED TREATMENT.

MARCH 26 - WORKER FIRED FOR NOT WEARING SEAT-BELT IN HOVERCRAFT

WHEN DELIVERING MEALS. LITERALLY. SHE WAS LIT ON FIRE.

MARCH 26- VICTOR'S LAMENT HAS BEEN FOUND... BY "NORMAL AWKWARD LOCATION ON OUR FRONT LAWN" WE DIDN'T MEAN THE COUNSELING OFFICE. HE IS NOT LITERALLY LAMENTING.

MARCH 26- LOST ITEM- UNSPECIFIED TOOTH FOUND IN SWIMMING POOL. WE THINK IT'S AN INCISOR. LITERALLY. IT'S POINTY.

MARCH 27- UNDERAGE

PURCHASE, POSSESSION, AND CONSUMPTION, AND TRANSPORT- ON LIBERTY

AL WAS SEEN THROWING FULL LIQUOR BOTTLES INTO BUSHES IN A FIT OF RAGE. A CITATION WAS ISSUED FOR LITTERING. THE FULL LIQUOR BOTTLES WERE BROUGHT TO CAMPUS SAFETY. THE OFFICERS THREW A PARTY WITH THE CONTRABAND ITEMS. LITERALLY. THREW. PUN INTENDED. LOLZ.



Hi. I'm here to fill space.

ST., THERE WAS A REPORT OF AN ALCOHOL VIOLATION INVOLVING A NON-STUDENT. THE INDIVIDU-

MARCH 27- REPORT OF A GAS LEAK- STUDENT SUSPECTED TO HAVE RELEASED A FART DURING CANDLELIGHT VIGIL. ENTIRE CHAPEL WAS EVACUATED THERE-

AFTER. NO CASUALTIES TO REPORT. NICE ONE, SODEXO. LITERALLY. THE VIGIL WAS BORING.

MARCH 28- VANDALISM- HOURS AFTER BEING RETURNED TO THE FRONT LAWN, VICTOR'S LAMENT WAS FOUND SPRAY PAINTED BLUE. AGAIN, "VICTOR'S LAMENT" IS A TITLE- YOU DON'T NEED TO RUB IN HIS MELANCHOLY STATE. LITERALLY.

MARCH 29- UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IN THE ML QUAD THERE WAS A REPORT OF A UFO SIGHTING. CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICERS RESPONDED, BUT ONLY FOUND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA AT THE SCENE.

What is Campus Safety doing with floo powder?

XOXO, GOSSIP GIRL

They're using sustainable practices to be more accessible on campus! This is part of the College's award winning Theory of Connectivity, duh. As of 2061 it has been 50 years since the term "theory of connectivity" was coined by the Muhlenberg Community's website. This new act in place goes to show how Campus Safety is now connecting ideas, activities, and understanding in new ways to an ultimate and...even supernatural level.

No longer do you see electric carts or bicycles. Instead it is more common to see Campus Safety officers carrying around containers of a powdery substance that highly resembles cocaine. Invented by J.K. Rowling in the early 2000's, floo powder can be used to travel from place to place. One throws loo powder on the floor of a fireplace, then states where he or she wants to go. One is then engulfed in green flames and is magically transported to his or her destination.

Fireplaces have been installed into every building

and dorm. All of these fireplaces are connected to each other in a new system called the Muhlenberg Floo Network to offer lightening-speed access to the entire campus. The fireplaces are now replacing each building's "red doors" as Muhlenberg's architectural hallmark. This also removes any traces left of the college's Lutheran affiliation. The College had started pushing for this 50 years ago when they resurrected the Campus Restaurant to strongly resemble Hogwarts' dining hall and when the Muhlenberg Theatre Department began offering acting courses in magic.

"We'll have a level of interaction with the campus community that is just not possible from a bike or any other non-magical form of transportation" said one campus safety officer. We're going to be able to meet with members of the campus community on a more personal level to show that we're present and here to help."

Another Campus Safety officer said, "I believe this shows our support of sustainability and environmental awareness. By having to step into green flames you

could say we're going green to the extreme."

Campus Safety is promoting the use of floo powder through their Floo Share Program, but not all of campus has access to this yet. And as officers have realized, any new system has its glitches. One must state their destination or there is no telling where they'll end up! Sometimes Campus Safety officers are not sure exactly where they want to patrol and they end up intruding on the sexual activities of couples. Putting sex-ile blocks on the fireplaces to prevent incidents such as this are being considered but haven't been put into place yet.

As we are transitioning to this new system, any donations of old transport vehicles such especially bikes would be greatly appreciated. Campus Safety will not be using the bike training from previous years to go to waste. When off duty they will be training for the Tour de France. "It's time we tried connecting our boundary-breaking community to places far outside the bubble", someone said. This is the Theory of Connectivity. Winning, duh.

Napkin of the week



WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is one big joke."

- Your Robot

Spider-Man musical finally turns off the dark!

BY WILLOW TREE
MANAGING EDITOR

After half a century of false starts, multiple overhauls, and nearly three-dozen injured cast members, "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark," the most expensive musical and longest preview-running show to ever cross a Broadway stage, put on its first official performance last Sun. Mar. 27 at the Foxwoods Theater, more affectionately – or infamously – called the Spiderweb Theater.

Based on the classic comic book character Spider-Man, the superhero who acquires spider-like powers after being bitten by a radioactive spider on a class trip, the musical "Spider-Man: Turn off the Dark" was first conceived in the mind of deceased "Victor/Victoria" producer Tony Adams back in 2001. When Mr. Adams suffered a stroke and passed away in Oct. 2005 shortly after bringing the idea to Bono and the Edge, lead singer and guitarist, respectively, of the Irish rock band U2, his partner David Garfinkle took control as lead producer. Together Mr. Garfinkle and the U2 partners enlisted "The Lion King" director Julie Taymor to add her genius flourishes and unique artistic decisions to the production. However, soon after hiring Ms. Taymor to direct, Mr. Garfinkle quit once it became clear that he could not raise sufficient funds to capitalize the show. He was replaced by concert promoter Michael Cohl and Jeremiah J. Harris, whose company had manufactured the original sets. Within two days Mr. Cohl and Mr. Harris had raised \$30 million, but were still short of their rapidly increasing \$52 million budget, a record for any Broadway show ever produced.

While the show changed producers various times in a few short months of the beginning of production, Ms. Taymor was given free reign to do with the script what she wished. Attempting to do with the script what the first trilogy of movies, Spider-Man, Spider-Man 2, and Spider-Man 3, featuring the now-retired actor Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker/Spider-Man and actress-turned-producer Kirsten Dunst as Mary Jane Watson, had not – bring Greek myth to the story. Referencing the Greco-Roman mythological story of the weaver who was challenged by the goddess Athena to a weaving contest and then turned into a spider when she bested the goddess, Ms. Taymor created a new villainess named Arachne. Another unique element Ms. Taymor brought to the show was a Geek Chorus of narrators, a nod to the Greek Choruses of Classical Greek plays. In addition to Ms. Taymor's at-the-time clever ideas, the driving forces behind the show decided to create a production in which actors flew around, not only over the stage, but into the theatre, swinging repeatedly over the audience in its whopping total of 27 flying sequences.

And that's where the show hit the problems that have kept it from officially opening until now. Although producers hired 35 stagehands and seven stage managers instead of the typical three or four, the tricks and aerial choreography were simply too complicated for the actors, stunt doubles, and stage technicians to handle smoothly and safely. They could not make it work securely within the typical amount of rehearsal and preview time. Or even with the extended preview time, for that matter.

Even before preview performances began, one of its stars, now famous Broadway star Natalie Mendoza, who was playing Arachne, dropped out after she had injured her ankle and had been refused time off to heal. She was replaced by understudy T.V. Carpio, who was also injured doing one of the villainess' stunts. Once the show opened previews to audiences, the troubles continued. The stunt double for Spider-

Man plummeted into the orchestra pit when he attempted to perform his task of jumping through the air onto the stage. His harness had not been attached correctly. It was only because he had enough training to know how to soften his crash that he survived the fall.

With the flying sequences still not successfully and efficiently performed, the show announced the first of what would come to be 25 postponements of its opening performance. It would experience another three before the producers seriously considered an overhaul of both the highly criticized music and the expansive script, one of nearly a dozen improvement attempts in the 50 years it has taken for it to get to the point it is today. When she refused to go along with the decision that the show needed to be changed, Ms. Taymor was asked to step down as director in March 2011.

Without Ms. Taymor, producers hired a new director, Philip William McKinley – who had had experience working on circuses – along with a new script writer to revamp the story, beginning with the elimination of Taymor's innovative Geek Chorus of narrators. Bono and the Edge were also asked to write two new songs and rework some of the original ones. During the process, the show was shut down for a month, reopening with the new changes to even more problems.

The producers' attempt to down-scale the musical failed miserably, causing more injuries and cast drop-outs, this time by the lead actor Reeve Carney, who played Peter Parker/Spider-Man, and his understudy, along with various ensemble actors and actresses. Both Peter Parkers quit after the producers and director asked them to perform their own stunts, but would not pay for their training or raise their salaries. The show shut down for almost six months in order to find replacements who were already trained in the stunt acting now required for the role.

After several more failed attempts and multiple cast changes across a span of three decades to successfully perform the show without mishaps, producers Cohl and Harris as well as director McKinley found the pressure to find the solution to fix the production too stressful and all stepped down from their positions within three months of each other. As a result, faithful backers of the show closed the play for a year while searching for replacements, but remained working with the actors to receive input about what they thought would help make the show more viable. Once new producers and a new director were hired, work began on incorporating the actors' suggestions into the newly re-written script.

Despite the new changes, the music still received scathing unofficial reviews by critics and the show was once again shut down for a year while choreographers continued working with a group of new actors and stunt technicians to stage fresh dance routines and flying sequences. After 30 years of consistent song additions, deletions, and changes, Bono and the Edge handed in their resignations to the new producers, saying that they were simply too old and worn down to deal with the issues associated with the show.

While the play remained opened throughout its latest blow, new music writers were hired to compose an entirely new score. When finished, the show was again shut down for a year in order for the actors to learn the new songs and to choreograph new dances according to the musical script.

After five more years of cast turnovers, script



Spider-Man flying through the air onto the stage.

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The original marquee for "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark."

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and music overhauls, unceasing injuries, and increasing demands that the show close for good, the producers and writer resigned, leaving the show once again without showrunners. In an attempt to keep producers for more than a few years, sponsors hired the young and up-and-coming producers David Oldyer and Jamie Andel and the genius musical talent of Peter Dunhop, all three of whom remain with the show today.

What was it about these producers that enabled them to carry it through a span of nearly 15 years to the point that it has finally – finally – been able to open?

Well, I certainly don't know for sure. But something tells me that it had to do with their youth and their relative ignorance of the problems, which had been plaguing the show for nearly 35 years. The husband and wife team of producers was able to bring the show a fresh, almost child-like view of the world and expert knowledge of the technology that has been invented in the years since production first started on "Turn Off the Dark." With the use of much advanced harness-like contraptions and computer programs, the stage managers are much more easily able to attach the actors to the tracks strung out along the ceiling of the theatre.

Mr. Oldyer and Ms. Andel have also managed to create a protection in case the actors do fall, something which all of their predecessors combined had not thought of: a good-old fashioned net, tricked out, of course, to resemble a spider web. (Winning, duh!) Another innovation on the part of the new producers was to replace most of the ensemble actors with holographic actors, thereby eliminating the risk that the real actors who fly will fall and cause injuries to the rest of the cast.



Spider-Man battles the Green Goblin.

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series based on the character, and the people who most remember when the show was first announced may be too exasperated to spend the money to see it. Let's hope that's not the case. Over the 50 years it's taken to bring this show to where it is now, sponsors, producers, and directors combined have spent over \$1 trillion. Only time will tell if the excessive amount of money and energy spent on bringing this musical to life will pay off. As Ms. Taymor said in 2011, "If the show works, all the money will be a moot point. If it doesn't, it will be a tragedy."

What about the new music? Why has it received such critical acclaim?

Again, I certainly don't know for sure. But – now, this is just a wild guess – maybe it has to do with the fact that Mr. Dunhop has not attempted to rewrite the original score of Bono and the Edge. Instead, he has chosen to compose a completely new one.

What a genius idea! It could also be that he is simply not out-of-date, the way the U2 partners had been, even when they had first started working on the project. Or perhaps he is just a better song writer than Bono. Either way, the score that accompanies the script is being hailed by critics as "perfect" and "spot-on to express the feelings of the characters," while telling the story "in an exquisitely beautiful manner."

So it would seem that, after 50 years, the backers of "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" have finally fashioned a successful musical about the web-swinging superhero created a century ago by the now-defunct Marvel Publishing, Inc.

Its true test, though, will be if it can still attract audiences. It has been 20 years since the last movie

Dear Tiger Girl: The Weekly's Advice Column

Dear Tiger Girl-

I've got a little problem. See, there's this guy in my one class, I really like him. He's so smart and funny. I think he has a thing for me too. There's just one problem. He's an android. I know my parents would not approve of me dating a robot; they are very prejudiced. I mean, I don't care, but I know it's not exactly commonplace for humans and androids to date. What's your advice, PG? What should I do?

-Lovestruck

Dear Lovestruck-

I know that social prejudices can be difficult, and the debate of android/human relationships is a hot button issue in today's day- and- age. My advice is to be true to yourself. If you and the robot guy have fun being together, then more power to you. As long as you are fully aware of the hardships you will face and are strong enough to face them, then I wish you nothing but joy. Be aware that a physical relationship with an android is very different than human/human relationships. Ask yourself, are you ready to handle that? Are you willing to put in the work it takes to have a relationship with a robot? Love is a difficult emotion for the android race, be sure you understand how hard it will be for him as well. Communication is key. He will only learn love if you share yours with him!

-Tiger Girl

Advice of the Week:

The weather is getting warmer and that means one thing: It's hoverboard season! Whip out your boards and get some exercise! Hoverboarding is a fun, great and easy way to stay active with today's ease of access to all our needs. The school's boarding track is definitely one to be visited, but that isn't your only option. The whole world can make great places for hoverboard action. Ride it to class or Seegers. The amphitheatre at the rehearsal house is a great beginner's course. Just keep it off the roofs, okay? We don't need any campus safety notes about you being teleported to St. Luke's.

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The Jewlenberg: Just Jew It!

BY BULLET PROOF
LIFE EDITOR

The overwhelming confusion and surprised faces of alumni who returned to the College yesterday afternoon for their 50th reunion sparked the creation of this article in order to share with current students the developments and changes this college has undergone in the past 50 years.

One of the employees who work at the Jewish Quarters (formerly known as the General Quarters) complained of all middle-aged alumni yelling and creating a major scene around 1 pm yesterday. Apparently, many members of the alumni were upset about the "limited selection of food" held at the popular JQ. According to one member of the alumni who was looking for a snack yesterday, "There is no longer a variety of snack foods here." When one of the employees inquired as to what he was ranting about, he continued to yell, "Where are the Doritos, Fritos, or Lays chips?" The employee tried to calm him down and explain to him that the JQ doesn't sell those chips and hasn't for years, but the man ran away in disgust. The JQ only sells Bissli (wheat) chips, Bamba (peanut butter flavored) puffed corn, and honey challah rolls as quick "simply to go" foods.

It may have come as a surprise to many of the alumni how the much of the food selection has been revamped, but the college began revamping the restaurants and the food selection of the College in 2011. They added a great Kosher section to the restaurant now known as the JR (Jewish Restaurant) and the progression hasn't stopped since. There is now also a large Kosher section in the JQ called "Kashrut," which has replaced the Ikigai section (famous for their spicy sushi), the Subconnection section (famous for their sandwiches), and El Burro (famous for their tortillas and Mexican-style dishes). "Kashrut" sells popular Jewish foods such as knishes, bagels and lox, blintzes, matzoh ball soup and many other kosher meats.

The candy and desserts that might have been familiar to the Class of 2011, such as KitKat bars, Reese's pieces, M&Ms, chocolate-chip cookies, and brownies, are no longer sold at the JQ. Now the JQ presents desserts and candy that highlight the college's favorite ingredient: nut. Some of the desserts and candies sold at the JQ include halvah (a delicious and nutty-tasting sweet), mandelbrot (a crispy almond cookie that may look like an Italian biscotti), chocolate babka (yeasted coffee cakes), rugleach (a rolled cookie filled with nuts, chocolate, raisins, and a variety of fruits), and sufganiyot (a donut filled with Israeli jelly). The JQ isn't the only location of the College that has undergone changes throughout the years.

The Lutheran Church no longer exists but has been replaced by a Synagogue known as "The Shul." The majority of the students attend the "The Shul," with the exception of 20 students that constitute the minority of the school. The Protestants often gather on Sundays to pray or brainstorm ways to create a larger group of students.

Hillel has expanded over the years, now taking over the Prosser and Walz dorm buildings. There are some dorm rooms in Hillel for students but the college population has decreased from 2,200 students to 1,800 students. Members of Hillel (1,780 students) now run almost all organizations, including Student Government, Student Council, and MAC. Hillel has also taken control of the Music and Theatre Department, which now annually stages a performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" and "My Big Fat Jewish Wedding."

President Rosenberg is very happy with the changes that have been made over the years and says Jewlenberg is "Winning, duh!"

Miley Cyrus dead at age 69

BY SUGAR SPICE
ASST. COPY EDITOR

Miley Ray Cyrus died yesterday at the young age of 69. The former actress and pop star was born Destiny Hope

Cyrus on November 23, 1992 in Nashville, TN to mother Leticia Jean Finley and father country singer Billy Ray Cyrus.

Cyrus did not hit the public consciousness until her casting at age 12 in the 2000's Disney Channel television series *Hannah Montana*. She played a teenage girl, Miley Stewart, who lived a secret double life as the pop star Hannah Montana. This show would be her ticket to stardom, but also would lead to her demise.

Starting in 2007, controversies started to build around photos of Cyrus that were deemed less than appropriate for a children's role model. When Annie Leibovitz photographed Cyrus topless in 2008, many horrified parents told their children they could no longer watch Disney channel, leading to a large drop in ratings and a great deal of animosity between the network and their star. This did not stop Miley, however, from pole dancing in a provocative outfit at the 2009 Teen Choice Awards on the now defunct children's channel, Nickelodeon.

Cyrus opted out of college, saying that she hadn't taken acting lessons, and that worked out well for her, so she figured she did not require any more schooling. "I'm already winning, duh," she said on her Twitter in 2011. "So, I mean, it's like, why would I change anything?" Instead of college, Cyrus decided to go on the reality show "Celebrity Apprentice," but quit after three days when Ozzy Osborne threatened to bite her head off.

On tour, Cyrus performed both as herself and as her alter ego, Hannah Montana. Her career started to really tank in December 2012, when she went on tour opening for



Miley Cyrus in the prime of her life.

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Rebecca Black, who soon far surpassed Cyrus in ratings and popularity. Cyrus's career would never recover.

In 2010, Cyrus had reportedly been caught smoking the psychoactive plant salvia, but this was only the beginning for the young star; soon she moved on to hallucinogens. After years of playing two characters similar to herself and years of hallucinogenic drugs, Miley Cyrus was diagnosed with Dissociative Identity Disorder in 2020. In interviews, it quickly became clear that she could not distinguish between the three girls. Sometimes she would answer only to Hannah Montana, other times only to Miley Stewart. It seemed as though she only did drugs while inhabiting the Hannah Montana personality. Depending on which personality was being interviewed, she may have been dating Nick, Kevin, or Joe Jonas. The Jonas brothers denied to comment, though they were often seen visiting her in her later years.

It is not clear what actually Ms. Cyrus, but preliminary coroner's reports say it was a combination of the symptoms of Dissociative Identity Disorder and the mixture of drugs she had been taken.

Cyrus is survived by her mother Leticia, her father, Billy Ray, three half-brothers, two brothers, godmother Dolly Parton, and possible boyfriends Nick, Kevin, and Joe Jonas.

She will be buried under the Hollywood sign in a private ceremony. Donations in remembrance of Miley Cyrus can be made to Disney channel in an attempt to recover some of the money Cyrus lost for the network in the years after 2012.

A "Best of Miley Cyrus" album is rumored to be in the works, though her former record label is reportedly having trouble choosing tracks.

And the Biggest Winner is...

BY SOUND BYTE
ASST. COPY EDITOR

Last week on March 24, the fourth season of the Biggest Winner concluded with its

seasonal grand finale.

This season was new and improved from the previous three seasons, which translated into the show having it's highest viewed season so far with over 30 million people watching. For the small few who do not know, the purpose of the Biggest Winner is to help celebrities gain weight, who are not overweight enough. In recent years the trend has been for celebrities to be overweight, which was a complete 180 degree change from the previous standards set by celebrities to be as skinny as they could be.

The trends to be skinny were set by celebrities, such as Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan, and Nicole Richie. However, these celebrities took their weight too far and suffered from eating disorders. Over time, in an attempt to show their fans, some of whom were teenagers struggling with their own weight, these celebrities started to gain weight to show that it was okay not to be stick thin.

This trend, like most, became very exaggerated very quickly. Celebrities started gaining weight like crazy in order to prove a point to all their fans and the public that you do not need to be extremely skinny to be pretty and you should not adhere to social norms. Like any other fad to take over Hollywood the tabloids went

crazy about covering celebrities gaining weight. Many celebrities including Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie, and Lindsay Lohan went on many interviews to talk about their weight gain and talk about how it has completely changed their lives and they feel so much healthier. On a memorable interview with Muhlenberg Alumni Kristin Kettig, who has her own her own daily show at 3 p.m on CBS, Paris Hilton commented on her weight gain, "Ever since I started making a point to gain weight and have now put on 75 pounds I feel so great! I'm winning, duh!"

In addition to television appearances, these celebrities have also taken over all of the tabloid magazines with pictures showing off their new bodies and several interviews. Jared S. Fogel, who in 2000 launched a campaign with Subway Restaurants to promote his 245 pound weight loss in one year from eating Subway sandwiches, came up with an idea to host a show called the Biggest Winner to capitalize on the weight gain craze that was going on in Hollywood. Jared had of course jumped on the band wagon and had put on all of the weight that he had lost from his initial Subway diet. Jared has hosted three seasons of the show, and the show has just concluded its fourth season. The Biggest Winner has been a huge success not only with ratings upwards of 25 million people, but also with helping many celebrities put on an average of 70 pounds per season. The first three seasons of the

show has featured Hank Baskett Junior, son of Kendra Wilkinson, Leni Klum, daughter of Heidi Klum, Violet Affleck, daughter of Jennifer Gardner, Sean Preston and Jayden James, sons of Britney Spears.

This season of the Biggest Winner featured eight new people in their quest to gain to weight. The contestants are Kingston, son of Gwen Stefani, Apple Martin, daughter of Gwyneth Paltrow, Shiloh Jolie-Pitt, daughter of Angelina Jolie, Suri Cruise, daughter of Katie Holmes, James Wilkie Broderick, son of Sarah Jessica Parker, Honor Warren, daughter of Jessica Alba, Bentley Edwards, son of Maci Bookout of Teen Mom fame, and Byrn Hoopy, daughter of Bethenny Frankel of Real Housewives fame. Regis Philbin, who turned 130 years old this year, lived in the house with the contestants this year to help keep them on track with their weight gain. Celebrity chef Poppy Honey Rosie Oliver, Jamie Oliver's son helped the contestants come up with diets and taught them how to cook food that would help the contestants gain weight.

In the finale episode, Suri Cruise won the Biggest Winner with a total weight gain of 100 pounds. In an interview with Kristin Kettig, Suri Cruise said, "I come from a family of winners, so it should not be a surprise to anyone that I won." Regis Philbin commented on the success of the show and projects that there will be many more successful seasons of the show.

Let's hope celebrities can continue to win!

This weekend on campus

Thurs. 3/31

- 1) Comedians The Sheen Twins in Memorial Hove Hall from 10:00pm-midnight
- 2) *The Trials of Li-Lo* in the Empie Theatre from 8:00pm-10:00pm

Fri. 4/1

- 1) *The Trials of Li-Lo* in the Empie Theatre from 8:00pm-10:00pm
- 2) Television Night in the Sky Space from 10:00pm-1:00am

Sat. 4/2

- 1) '10s Dance and Costume Contest in the Sky Space from 10:00pm-1:00am
- 2) *The Trials of Li-Lo* in the Empie Theatre from 8:00pm-10:00pm
- 3) Movie: *Winning, duh!* in the Red Pod from 9:00pm-11:00pm

Sun. 4/3

- 1) *The Trials of Li-Lo* in the Empie Theatre from 2:00pm-4:00pm

Cheerleading Squad is popular, more popular than you

BY BRIAN LITRELL
WEEKLY SPORTS BLONDIE

April 1, 2061, 49 years after the near-apocalypse of 2012, the College finds itself in an interesting position. The only surviving college from the Centennial Conference,

Muhlenberg has grown to become superior in all fields—Ivy League in academics and Division I in athletics. Perhaps the most interesting, and clearly the most important, aspect of our 'Berg community is our co-ed Cheerleading squad.

The Mules' Cheerleading program has grown exponentially over the years, both in team members and in power. Nearly 50 percent of all current Mules are on the team, breaking all world records for team size and participation. Cheerleaders have now become a more dominant symbol of pride for the school. The Mule mascot has been replaced with "Torrance" from the movie "Bring It On", the cheerleader's number one source of inspiration. Instead of saying "Go Mules!" the cheerleaders say "Go Torrance!"

Our Cheerleading squad is now the College's main source of income, pulling 'Berg out of debt, and well into the category of Wealthiest Institutions globally. In fact, the Muhlenberg cheerleaders are the seventh-largest economy on Earth.

The humongous team performs at every school function, ranging from athletic events to faculty meetings, from dinner at the Wood Commons to Board of Trustee Meetings, and from midterms to bake sales.

What does the squad have to say about their commitment to the Mule spirit and community? "Our school pride comes first, no matter what," says Senior Julie Brahen. "We are proud of every campus member, and we want the whole world to know!"

When asked what her most favorite aspect of cheerleading life was, Brahen responded, "Winning! Duh!"

For every Cheerleading event there is, thousands of people become employed. Over one thousand sponsors are supporters of the team; if the team endorses a product or service, competitors are driven out of business. Organizations worldwide, ranging from governments to businesses, go out of their way to avoid hindering the Mules. It has gotten to the point where the squad is allowed to maintain its own police force. They can get away with any crime imaginable with virtually no repercussions, although the team is often too ignorant to even notice that they are committing illegal acts.

We can't exactly hold it against them—the team could have their own country if



The Cheerleading Squad: the last of the squads that were limited by size, budget, or spirit.

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they wanted! Our campus is lucky enough to be graced with the presence and fruits of labor of the squad.

The College expects over 10 million high school students will send applications for the upcoming school year, 99% of whom will likely be interested in joining the infamous squad. Highly intensive tryouts for the Varsity Cheerleading team will be held in May, after commencement. The entire process will take about three weeks to complete. Coach Skwigelf and Coach Wartooth suggest that only the most highly skilled, extremely acrobatic, and cheeriest of all cheerers even attempt to try out for the squad.

Best of luck to those students wishing to try out for the College's Cheerleading Team!

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A return to the olden days of sports

By A. J. McLEAN
WEEKLY SPORTS HOTLINE #1

There was once a time when they played for fun, for the joy of it, for innocence. It was a better time, a simpler time, a time when dinosaurs roamed the earth and everything cost 25 cents. Really old people tell me that back in the "good old days" athletes played because they loved the game and owners cared about representing their city in the best possible manner. What a joke, right?

Those days never existed; today is how it has always been. Where sports are so market-driven that the goal of professional athletic competition is for management to corner the market and jack up prices. Ticket prices are high, but that's how they've always been. At least you can buy individual games to watch on T.V.. It's expensive, but at least we get to watch super rich mega-star athletes compete against each other. There are less teams than they say there used to be, but every team is filled to the brim with stars that there is never any mediocrity holding a team back.

I heard silly things like basketball used to be a team-

oriented game. I don't think that could be possible because all you see today is individual one-on-one scoring, and that's the way the game is meant to be played. Like pro-football (which I can't get enough of by the way). 24 game seasons and a 16-team playoff make the competition as fierce as ever. Everyone seems to be enjoying this great game, especially the younger crowds. I don't see many older people at the games, except for the owners. But they don't really look old. People use to say that the season was shorter and the competition was better, but the owners say that we have reached a new golden age in professional football, and I can't help but believe them. I mean without them, what would we have?

My parents don't talk about sports much; they don't have the time for it and my grandparents, well you couldn't pay them a million dollars to go in front of a T.V. when a sports game is on, let alone go to a game. That's probably what happens when you get old; you start to lose it a little in the head. Once in a while they talk about this so-called simpler time.

They ramble on about sports when the teams were playing for more than just themselves, for something bigger than themselves. I know that doesn't make any sense, but I guess we all become senile at a certain age. Unfortunately, they speak with such great conviction and emphasis that I can't help but listen a little; boy have they lost it.

Like when they talk about playing stickball (I think an early form of video games) in their neighborhood or just shooting hoops in the driveway, imagining themselves making the game winning shot and becoming champions. That sort of makes sense because I do that in my video games; but, they forget about signing the big contract before you start playing (I mean why else would you play, right?) I don't know, I guess I'm starting to ramble like my grandparents when they say, "It used to be better; it used to be right."

Whatever that means, Grandpa. Your generation is stuck in the past. Now it is all about individual scoring, celebrations, and winning, duh!

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University of Kansas, Ohio State University, Duke University, and Pittsburgh University that had begun their boycott of the tournament in 2011 decided this year to end their boycott and start competing again in the tournament this year. The NCAA allowed the teams to compete without any consequences.

The Muhlenberg team faced the Kansas Jayhawks in the first round of the tournament, which turned out to be a very highly anticipated game. It was the first

time one of the teams was eligible to compete and it was the first time in 50 years that the other team was competing in the tournament. The game was on CBS last week and was highly attended by many Kansas and Muhlenberg students. The Mules won by landslide, which many attributed to Kansas choking under the pressure of not having competed in the tournament in 50 years.

Muhlenberg went on to beat the University of North Carolina in the second round, the University

of Texas in the sweet sixteen, and the University of Maryland in the elite eight. The College is going to play against the University of Connecticut on Friday in its first appearance in the Division I final four in the school's history.

When Muhlenberg senior Arnold Voluck was asked what his objective was at the final four he said, "Winning, duh!"

Everyone should tune into the game this Friday April 1 on CBS at 7 p.m.



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'Wild Thing' making a 'comeback'

BY NICK CARTER
WEEKLY SPORTS CUTIE

Rick Vaughn, better known as "Wild Thing," is a fictional character played by Charlie Sheen from the Major League films released in the late 1980s and 1990s. Now, five decades later, Sheen is looking to bring Vaughn off the screen and onto the baseball diamond for real. Sheen has announced that he will attempt to get a contract from a big league team, preferably the Cleveland Indians.

"You been watching me working out like crazy on all these late night specials," Sheen commented. "Why do you think I am doing that? I can have a diet of vodka and olives and be in great shape for TV or movies. This isn't about television, baby. It's about Wild Thing!"

While it would seem unlikely that any team would even consider giving Sheen a tryout, the Cleveland Indians minor league affiliate, the Columbus Clippers, have already invited him for a private workout. Many would assume this is just a publicity stunt to get more fans out to the stadium, but Clippers' manager Joe Bologna would have you believe different.

"We are open to all possibilities," said Bologna, manager for the past nine years. "I wouldn't be doing my job right if I dismissed this guy just because he is 92 years old or hasn't played baseball in over 70 years, besides the occasional game of dizzy bat."

Sheen claims that he has a fastball that falls in the 93-95 mph range and that on the set of Major League everyone was impressed by his pitching prowess.

"I'm Sheen, man. T-Pain says all he does is win, win, win no matter what. Well I was winning when T-Pain wasn't even born. Ricky Ross isn't the boss, I am. It's what I do. Winning, duh."

Sheen insists that he is serious about a comeback and that he has even stopped sleeping in order to get

in enough practice to get in better shape and perfect his pitches.

"I don't need sleep," stated Sheen. "Sleep is for losers. Sleep is for the weak. People go to sleep to dream, man. Well my dreams won't come true in my sleep. I have to be awake. I haven't sleep in 17 days and I feel great."

If the ex-*Two and a Half Men* star is able to find his way onto a professional baseball team's roster, he would instantly become one of the oldest players in any league. Even with the odds stacked against him, Sheen has many supporters.

"I'd love to see Wild Thing out there on the mound," said San Francisco Giant superstar pitcher Tim Lincecum. "I weigh 120 pounds and people thought I'd never be able to make it in the pros. It'd be a great underdog story and everybody loves those."

The fact that Charlie has been able to party so hard for so long and still be alive today shows me that this man is capable of anything. Major League Baseball is nothing for a man who cheats death every single day of his life!"

To prepare for his workout with the Clippers, Sheen has been practicing with watermelons. He throws 20 watermelons a day off of his balcony to improve his arm strength.

"If I can throw a watermelon, I can throw a tiny baseball. The people below me have been complaining about the insects and animals that have begun to nest



Charlie Sheen, a.k.a. 'Wild Thing', is ready to kick some arse and take some names.

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near the fallen melons but what has to be done has to be done and throwing watermelons off my roof has to be done."

If the baseball comeback doesn't work out, Sheen has explored the possibility of becoming an Mixed Martial Arts fighter.

"I've gotten into a lot of fights in my lifetime. I have been punched in the face on multiple occasions. Never once did I feel a thing. It must be the tiger blood, man. Either way, I am going to win. I've been winning for almost a hundred years and I'm not gonna stop now."

March Madness comes to 'Berg

BY HOWIE DOROUGH
WEEKLY SPORTS HOTTIE #2

Back in 2011, the Division I March Madness tournament had major upsets with the University of Kentucky, the four seed in their region, the University of Connecticut, the three seed in their division, Butler University, the eighth seed in their region, and Virginia Commonwealth University, the eleven seed in their region, all making it to the final four. This upset all of the teams seeded number one in their region, which included the University of Kansas, Ohio State University, Duke University, and Pittsburgh University, and thought that it was ridiculous that the tournament allows teams that have not performed well all season to be given the opportunity to compete for the championship in their division. These universities continued to voice their unhappiness with the tournament by starting

a protest to change the tournament. These changes would enable better teams more of a chance to win the tournament and to make it more difficult for worse teams to win. The protest did not accomplish what the universities had hoped it would, but they decided to continue their protest and did not compete in the tournament for the next 49 years. Even though these four universities were protesting the tournament, there were significant changes made to the tournament.

Due to the competitiveness of the tournament, there were changes made to the structure of the event. In 2015, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) decided to start including Division II teams in the tournament to give more teams the opportunity to compete for the championship. The NCAA decided not to get rid of the Division II tournament, but rather just give Division II teams the chance to compete in

the Division I tournament. The decision about which teams would be included in the tournament remained with the committee that was used in 2011. This set-up went really well and two teams, West Liberty and Bellarmine, competed in the 2017 final four, with over 15 teams participating in the tournament. Due to the success of including Division II teams in the tournament and the NCAA decided to give Division III teams a chance to compete in the tournament starting in this year, making the College eligible for the tournament for the first time.

It is no surprise that the College made it into the tournament with a 7 seed in its region. This was a really great accomplishment for the College and they are very excited and proud to be sending their team to the tournament. Coincidentally, the four teams, the

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Corey Aferiat receives Player of the Week award

Patrick McTamany crowned Mr. Muhlenberg

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
NEWS WRITER

Last Wed. night, the College was privileged to witness the competitors. We were then introduced to the ten contestants in their own unique ways. Each contestant walked out behind the curtain, surrounded by friends and props. Doug Dulaney wore a long wig and danced to the song "Whip Your Hair." Freshman Alec Levin showed up in fashion, with a fake guitar and wig. My favorite was Dan Feldman's entrance on roller-skates. Dan's skill on the skates excited fans who cheered him on. As if that wasn't enough to surprise the audience, Dan Jimenez stood upright on a platform as friends carried and danced around him to the sounds of Aladdin. He made it gracefully across the stage and exited in poise.

charm and talent of ten of its students. Mr. Muhlenberg is an annual competition enjoyed by both students and faculty. This year, the event was sponsored by the Class of 2012, who worked hard to select and interview nominated students. In the Life Sports Center, students from all grades filled the bleachers, as a curtained stage lined the center of the gym. This year's judges were Don Dale, Hartley Lachtner and Christine Lake. Dressed in their Sunday best, they took notes and judged contestants based on their creativity and individuality. This year's contestants were Thomas Flatley '11, Doug Dulaney '12, Alec Levin '14, Matt Dunne '12, Ari Brandsdorfer '11, Dan Feldman '11, Stephen Brickman '11, Dan Jimenez '11, Patrick McTamany '12, and Jordan Posner '13.

Hosts Sheila Cook '11 and Matt Cecconi '11 welcomed the crowd to the exciting event. After introducing themselves and the judges, they explained the night's events. The boys would partake in a swimwear competition, talent competition and the ever favorite formal wear and interviews. Using a projector screen, the host showed footage of interviews with the contestants. Staged on a red carpet, the boys met with the hosts and answered a variety



Patrick McTamany '12 is crowned Mr. Muhlenberg

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bared their all without fear, proving that they are not afraid to embarrass themselves. It was exciting to see the creative ways they used other people and props to make the event funnier. Stephen Brickman entered with a group of adoring girls. The crowd went wild as every contestant pushed more and more boundaries.

My favorite component would have to be the talent competition. I thought each contestant showcased their talents in unique ways. Matt Dunne impressed

the audience with his creative SEE MR. MUHLENBERG | PAGE 1

Media & Communication Alumni Week: The production of getting a job

BY JACLYN SOBEL & MELISSA DEL MAURO
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The start of April brought with it snow, the cold, and the fifty-day mark countdown until graduation for college seniors. The word "graduation" conjures up with it thoughts of celebrations, good-byes, and of course, the big question—"What are we going to do after college?" Some people may already have the answer to that question, but for many it's a dreaded future. The Media & Communication Department here at the College sought to ease some of the tension surrounding that question by hosting Alumni Week.

The vision for Alumni Week, which lasted from Mar. 28 - Apr. 1, was to have as many alumni as feasible on campus to

visit classes, participate in panels, do one-on-one mentoring with students, conduct or participate in professional development workshops, give or attend lectures, or just observe and engage informally with students and other like-minded alums. During a lecture for Alumni Week, Jon Nelson, '09 sought to put many student fears about life post-graduation to rest.

Nelson's Fri., Apr. 1 lecture, entitled "The Pragmatics of Getting a Real Job in Film," contained advice applicable to students both inside the film department and out of it.

"Be aware of your opportunities," Nelson, said to an audience of juniors and seniors, eager for insider knowledge of life as a production assistant for films. He spoke of his job working in film production

as "a lifestyle; like a roller coaster ride" and "feast or famine, you just need to be open and roll with the punches."

Jon Nelson spoke about the ways of breaching and working in the film industry, or production as insiders like he referred to it.

"Production, I think, is one of the most unique and diversified fields out there," Nelson said.

Nelson, who works at Smash Camera in Brooklyn and freelances as a camera assistant, advised students to find jobs they need to "seize opportunities." Working in production in particular, Nelson explained, requires a lot of spontaneity but also pragmatism.

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What the Duck?

After a recent skim of the CNN homepage, we couldn't help but notice the headline on one of the featured videos, which reads "Quack one word for a six-figure salary." Curious? So were we. It turns out that the insurance company, Aflac, held auditions for their new spokesperson earlier this week in search of the next great Aflac Duck voice.

Dozens of feather-related jokes later, (think hopefuls 'waddling' through, getting their 'ducks in a row,' etc.) we read that the new spokesperson will receive a full, six-figure salary. That means, at the very least, some quacker will get paid at least \$100,000 to yell into a microphone their interpretation of what a duck would sound like while skydiving.

As entertaining as the CNN article and accompanying video are, we couldn't help but raise our eyebrows at the string of numbers after that dollar sign. Here we are, working towards a degree that we hope will land us quality, steady-income jobs, when we could be making six-figures just by sounding like Donald Duck.

Worse than contemplating our own fates is comparing this new position with Aflac to the positions of millions of people in our community who we couldn't function without. Doctors, teachers, policemen, all those careers that we all wanted to pursue sometime in kindergarten; they might be our heroes but their salaries seem to say otherwise.

In a society where budget cuts are being made left and right and the economy is just (maybe) starting to make a comeback, it is somewhat frustrating to see the amount of money being thrown into something so luck-of-the-draw. In Camden, New Jersey, nearly half of the police force was laid-off for lack of funding. The latest on the Allentown School District lay-offs states that 247 jobs will be lost due to a 15% budget cut. It's difficult not to wish that just some of the money could go to those classic heroes of our childhood. If only it were that simple.

Clearly, Aflac can afford to hire a six-figure duck. And maybe, it could be argued, that a lighthearted competition like this one is just what people in today's economy need: a chance to get lucky. Or should we say "ducky?"

Friday: A philosophy

By JOSHUA CLEMENT
Op/Ed Writer

Recently there has been a mass wave of popularity for Rebecca Black and her song "Friday". While most of the attention has been negative. While many have said

that Rebecca Black has become a star for the same reason as Justin Bieber so we have someone to throw things at no one is appreciating what is really before us. I have asked and it was given; I have sought and I was found. I have dug, deeper than an English major blathering about the homosexual undertones in *Frankenstein*, and what I have discovered has changed my life. I have given up my old gods Tom Cruise and Lord Xenu and am now following the ways of Rebecca Black, the life of Friday.

It is unlikely that Black knows what she has given the world, as her artistic input to the song is in the form of her mother's cash (\$4,000 was paid to Ark Music Factory, the top tier company in raising the self-esteem of rich white girls). This company provides the valuable service of allowing these privileged girls who have so many problems in their lives like, "Why do I still get mistaken for an ironing board?" An opportunity to forget the tragedies in their lives and feel like pop queens for a day. But this song does something that none thought possible: it reaches deep inside you and touches a sacred and secret place that hasn't been touched before. (Odd that I'm having flashbacks to my one night I spent in county jail.) While Black may only be the vassal through which this holy writ is bequeathed, she is the real prophet for the Fridayan doctrine to whom my life is given.

"Fun, fun, think about fun/You know what it is/I got this, you got this/My friend is by my right, ay/I got this, you got this/Now you know it." Life is fun, and fun is life. This is a non-transmutable aspect that the followers of this holy text adhere to. Black lays out her materialist and somewhat hedonistic view on life - fun is the only important value that all other values are judged by.

The friend on the right is all of us, we look upon the fun that others are having and we only have one question we can ask: can we join? It is the principle that guides such Fridayan ceremonies, such as group apple-picking and furry orgies. The world is a place that can only be seen properly from the perspective of the 13-year-old girl; it's a world full of Prince Charmings, dreams still unbroken, and developing menstrual cycles. The world becomes a better place if everyone adheres to the Fridayan philosophy, and everyone would definitely have the names of the days of the week on lockdown.

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When is skinny too skinny?



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been suggested by elites in the modeling world.

On Mar. 11, members of the press were interviewed after the Victoria's Secret Swim Event. *The New York Daily News* reported that it wasn't the swimwear that had everyone talking, but instead Candice Swanepoel's obviously thinner frame. The times called her "scary skinny" due to "her stick-figure legs and bony arms."

In response, Dr. Michael Rich, head of the Center on Media and Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston, described the Victoria's Secret Fashion shows as "eating disorder porn."

So when is skinny too skinny?

With fashion designers demanding more visible ribs and knobby knees what are the models supposed to do, quit? Many models come from poor families, and have left their homes to make money and send back to their families.

If a designer wants skinny, skinny is what the model is going to be. If they want to be able to count the ribs in her body or see every muscle fiber in her thighs, then the model will starve herself until she can fit that image.

Model Jessica Stam was asked her opinion, and responded rather honestly, "There are a lot of girls doing the shows who are very thin and frail... I don't

know if they are healthy or not, but I don't think the frail, fragile look is very feminine, and I don't think it's attractive." Thank you Jessica for giving us your opinion, but you don't know whether or not they are healthy?

When asked if the models are healthy, most in the claim ignorance. "I am not sure if she is healthy, but she is certainly skinny" or "even if she is too thin that does not mean she has an eating disorder."

Why protect this industry? Because it is lucrative. Because if an agency were to tell a model she is too skinny, she would simply leave and seek another agent that would sign her.

In return, many modeling agencies fire back that it is not their responsibility to make sure their models are healthy, it is only their responsibility to find them jobs. They also add that even if they were to try and step in, they have little control over their models' eating habits and general physique.

David Bonnouvrier, Chief Executive of DNA Models, is an exception. He passionately believes that the industry is "minutes away from a catastrophe." The modeling industry is meant to be based on beauty. Women around the globe regard models as the image to work for, to fight for.

According to the South Carolina De-

partment of Mental Health, eight million Americans have an eating disorder, seven million of them women. One in every 200 American women suffers from anorexia, and between two in 100 American women suffers from bulimia.

Shocking? Maybe a little? Female role models like Nicole Richie, Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton, and Mischa Barton all have suffered from eating disorders and most likely still do. These women do not have enough self-confidence to live healthy lifestyles, and yet these are the women that females idolize. There is no question of if these models and celebrity icons are too thin they are. But this doesn't stop magazines from publishing their images on covers, shoving their skeletal figures in society's face, pretending as if these women are healthy and beautiful.

What is going to stop this trend? Designers are bending over backwards to get the slimmest runway models; magazines are continuing to publish bone-baring but skillfully photoshop'd cover-girls; and the modeling industry is pleading non-guilty on grounds of ignorance...

Maybe Brooklyn Decker's healthy lifestyle advocacy along with her curvy body image is a good start; or, *Sports Illustrated's* proclivity to publish more voluptuous women in their recent swimsuit editions.

"When is skinny too skinny?" This question that has been surrounding the modeling world for years is now being asked by the corporation every model aspires to work for: Victoria's Secret.

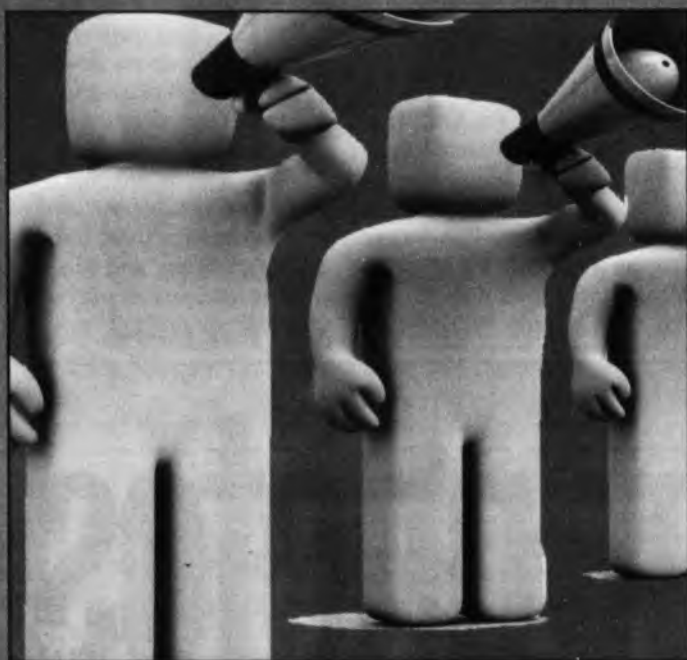
This week the news leaked out that Victoria's Secret Angel Candice Swanepoel is in jeopardy of losing her contract because she is reportedly too skinny. This blonde bombshell is 5' 9" and visibly weighs much less than the healthy 125 pound minimum weight that has

Obsession with babies on YouTube

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
Op/Ed Writer

Recently, videos with babies laughing, being scared, and talking to each in baby talk have been taking over YouTube, Facebook walls, and conversation among friends. These are exceptionally entertaining and always bring laughter and huge smile to my face and all of friends who are with me. People who have never had interest in searching YouTube videos or watching videos with friends are now suddenly extremely curious and anxious to find new videos to find to share with their friends and family. I have personally never been overly excited to go on YouTube to find new videos to share with my friends and have a good laugh. However, ever since my roommate showed me the video, "Emerson Mommy's Nose is Scary! (Original)," which she shockingly found on one of her friend's facebook walls. My roommate and I watched the video several times and kept on laughing. To no surprise, this video has over 14 million views. After this I became obsessed with the video myself and ran to show it to all of my friends. Ever since, my roommate showed the video I have become obsessed with searching YouTube for more videos to see more adorable babies. In my search I found videos, such as "Baby sneeze fart" and "Twin Babies talking and arguing with each other" to name a few.

As cute and hilarious I find all of the videos with babies in them, it seems a little weird to me that the parents of the babies video tape and then put the videos up on YouTube for the whole world to see. I think it is completely disturbing when you stop and think about the cute videos of babies in this way because parents are essentially exploiting their own children and the children cannot do anything about it. It is completely rational for parents want to videotape their children because kids are cute and especially your own, so parents want to capture their childhood on tape, so they can remember how their children acted and what they looked like when their children were young. However, the game changes when parents then put the videos on YouTube for the world to see. Whenever I am watching one of the videos of a cute baby doing something silly I always think to myself why in the world were these poor babies' parents videotaping them at this particular moment in time and then why did the parents feel that it was necessary to put the video up on YouTube for the world to see. The babies in these videos are going to be so embarrassed when they are older and realize that their videos all over the internet. Therefore, the parents of these babies obviously fail to think about the future of their children. Having said that, I hope that parents continually act inappropriately because I love these videos!



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Reflect: The Battle of Fort Sumter

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Apr. 12 of this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Sumter, which makes for an opportune time to reflect.

The attack on the fortress, located in the harbor in Charleston, SC, was the first hostile action of the Civil War. The political situation in Apr. 1861 was volatile but had not yet descended into war. Seven states, including South Carolina, had already seceded, but garrisons of Federal troops at Fort Sumter and throughout the seceded states remained loyal to the Union. South Carolinian forces, led by Brigadier General PGT Beauregard, surrounded Sumter. The commander at Sumter, Major Robert Anderson, was determined to defend the fortress until his dwindling supplies ran out. President Buchanan confronted the crisis indecisively during the end of his presidency, so it fell to President Lincoln to take action.

Lincoln, in an attempt to avoid being seen as the aggressor, sent an unarmed relief expedition to resupply Sumter. In response, before the supplies arrived Confederate President Jefferson Davis ordered Beauregard to demand that Sumter surrender and to attack the fort if this demand was refused. Anderson would not surrender, and on Apr. 12, 1861, Confederate troops fired the first shots of the Civil War. Although Confederate batteries exchanged fire with the garrison for 34 hours, no lives were lost in the battle. The battle ended when Anderson agreed to evacuate Sumter. Although the battle itself was largely insignificant, the larger implications of the attack were tremendous.

The attack on Fort Sumter was the first belligerent action in a war that would last four years and claim the lives of at least 600,000 Americans. Following the battle Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to put down the rebellion. In response four more states seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy. It should be noted that the Civil War would have occurred without the attack on Fort Sumter. Like the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo, Fort Sumter was simply the specific event that led to a largely unavoidable war. The Civil War may seem like ancient history, but 150 years is not a very long period of time. This week, reflect on the all changes that occurred in America as a result of the Battle of Fort Sumter.

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Students cry for change in GARs

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In the quest to fulfill all general academic requirements (GARs), students often share the same mutual frustration and anxiety. Many students look for the "easiest" and "least time consuming" course with a letter at the end of it looking to see whether the class fulfills a D (Diversity), G (Reasoning), R (Religion), S (Science), P (Philosophy) and so on. With this common attitude, many don't believe students are academically growing by endlessly searching and going out of their way to find such GAR shortcuts. The last time there was a change in the mandated list of GARs the Berlin Wall was still standing.

Since that previous change a lot has happened in this world. However, it is evident that what goes on outside of the College does and cannot always penetrate the clear film lining stretching from Ott to Albright Street in Allentown, PA; however, the school and student body is making greater strides. Even still, the major concern is "Why is our college not academically keeping up with trends in the education market?"

Amherst College recently demolished their General Academic Requirements.

"...With this freedom comes the responsibility to choose wisely and carefully..."

Amherst's website reads, "Amherst's open curriculum has no core or general education requirements. Beyond courses for the major and the First-Year Seminar, students are free to design their own curriculum. With this freedom comes the responsibility to choose wisely and carefully—plus the opportunity to explore learning as never before." How progressive, beautiful and empowering it is for an academic institution to give such freedom to its students. Rather than putting up rigid walls and parameters to intellectual growth and development, Amherst tore them all down.

The joke of so many GARs is that it prepares us (tuition paying aspiring minds) to be able to talk a little bit about everything, while in attendance at a cocktail party we may never even want to go to. Today, the need and appreciation of the "Renaissance man or woman" in the global market is not as valued and considered as it once was. If the sociopathic investment banker is taking unwarranted risk with the possibility of affecting the lives of millions of people, does he or she care about potentially being well rounded?

Our morals are more in question above anything else, but does having so many GARs really change them? If our global economy and society is built

around the high skill service industry, why are we mandating students to take classes that won't neither expand their human capital nor change the way they think for their future career prospects?

The College, along with its faculty and key stakeholders, need to make these necessary changes sooner rather than later. If the choice is not to eliminate the entire list of GARs, then TRIM THE FAT, and every student can make a case that there is plenty of it. It is unfortunate that so many educated faculty members and key stakeholders of the College cannot practice these acts of compromising and bipartisanship in the best interests of their student population. Unfortunately, no institution can suppress a few major egos from making the big decisions that affects all of us. What about the 2250 students on this campus? What about the choices that are best for them? If these major players can't make compromises and move forward as a unit, how can any of us students learning from them be able to do so also?

If we cannot get what we want and are unwilling to give a little bit of ourselves and our ego up, it seems that we are more willing to sit in some sort of miserable stagnate world where there is a less-

er chance for growth, development and innovation. This idea is petrifying and no one wants to have a vision of human nature that is so bleak and debilitating.

How much do we students know? We may not know much, but we still observe and look around to see where we are all going for the ride. It takes great confidence and strong sense of poise to lead and be a trendsetter. Is Muhlenberg willing to be one in this arena? We, the student body, believe and hope so...but a lot of people are going to have give before there is any possibility of taking.

For the sake of 2250 students don't let our academic minds go hungry. In a world where there is limitless data, there is a grand lacking in wisdom stemming from its findings. The school might have to downsize some academic departments in order for others to grow, but probably won't.

At least, TRIM THE FAT on GARs so the hungry academic student can eat healthy and be in control of their future. Don't make us wait another five years when the curriculum is reviewed again because we will all be gone. Although, if history holds up as precedent, most likely upon academic review there will be no changes made anyways.

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Black shows the world the solidarity we all need to reach the enlightenment, or Friday. To reach Friday one must embrace the lifestyle of the 13-year-old parties. Soda pop and terrified boys trying to hide their surprise boners when spin-the-bottle gets mentioned. Or one could just happen to be living on the day that Friday comes up on the calendar, the stage of enlightenment is reached quite frequently among non-practicers involuntary, normally about once a week. While Black does

have frequent trouble choosing which seat to sit in, "Kickin' in the front seat/Sittin' in the back seat/Gotta make my mind up/Which seat to take?" This selection process is difficult for us normal humans but for a prophet on the level of Black one can see why this decision is so problematic. For most people our decisions create actions that lead to inadvertent actions the ripple through the lives of others. A prophet on Black's level (Level 40 Death Mage) has their every decision send shockwaves across the globe. Who can say if Rebecca's even-

tual choice on whether or not she should sit in the front or back seat, or even flying along beside the car with her newfound magical menstrual powers, caused the recent uprisings in the Ivory Coast. We can only give Black the time she needs to make these decisions for herself, or when we can't fathom what Black is thinking, which should happen soon as most girls reach this unfathomable stage upon approaching puberty. The way of life as Fridayan is difficult, the Mondayan's usually get more work done than us and we can never hope to match the re-

productive rates of the Wednesdayians. But we have the prophet among us, and she will lead us to our future. A future full of cars, and days of the week, and wondrous wondrous bowls all the time, bowls of cereal of course. But we must remember our divine truth "We-we-we so excited, We so excited." We so excited is our way of life, this proverb shows that excitement is not a state of mind, or of a moment in time, but excitement is a state of being, and one that we must strive to achieve everyday of our life, and especially on Fridays.



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Hillel sends team to tournament for first time

By SAMANTHA LANGNER
NEWS WRITER

This upcoming weekend, Apr. 8-10, Hillel is sponsoring a basketball team to go to the first annual National Hillel Basketball Tournament at the University of Maryland-College Park campus. Twenty-six universities and colleges from around the country, including Princeton University, Michigan University, and Washington University, will be represented at the tournament. Hillel put together a team of eight students after holding open try-outs to the student body, which over twenty students showed up to. After carefully consideration the members of the team were selected. The members of the squad are: Dan Feldman '11 (the captain), Ryan Lindsay '12, Jeffrey Naids '13, Kevin Baker '14, Brian Leeds '14, Benji Kornbluth '14, Jon Cohen '14, Adam Draiman '14, and Matt Sandler '14 who is coaching the team. The tournament is set-up so that each team plays three preliminary games and then the teams are seeded and the tournament is turned into a bracket, so if you lose a game you are out of the tournament. Our squad is playing Binghamton, Maryland (Wohl), and Cornell in the preliminary rounds. All Muhlenberg students are welcome to attend the games to show their support! Kevin Baker, who played varsity basketball in high school at the Gann Academy in the Greater Boston area, remarks, "After playing basketball for so long in high school, I feel so honored to be representing Muhlenberg's Hillel at the national level at this tournament and am really looking forward to the weekend."

Since many of the schools attending the tournament are bigger than Muhlenberg with rosters with no one under six feet, it appears as if Muhlenberg's squad is the underdog. However, the members of the team are very optimistic and excited to have the opportunity to play in the tournament. Squad member Ryan Lindsay comments on the upcoming tournament, "Coming from a small school like Muhlenberg it's exciting to have the opportunity to play some big name schools like Michigan and Maryland. I think some of these teams are going to write us off when they hear where we are from, but we are confident we have what it takes to make a deep run in this tournament." Dan Feldman, team captain, also comments, "We're all very excited. Yes, we come from a small school, but we have big hearts and you know what they say about big hearts." In addition, Coach Matt Sandler, who feels honored to be coaching the squad, remarks, "We have worked together to develop offensive schemes that capitalize our speed as opposed to our height because our competitors outmatch us in height." Also, Patti Mittleman is very excited to see how the team works together and hopes that they take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities that can come from an experience like this.



Adam Draiman '14, Ryan Lindsay '12, Jon Cohen '14, Brian Leeds '14, Jeffrey Naids '13, Matt Sandler '14, Kevin Baker '14 Dan Feldman '11, and Benji Kornbluth '14

PHOTO BY SAM LANGNER

Hillel has worked very hard with planning the tournament and had planned everything to a tee. There are very strict rules and regulations for the games of the tournament, which are all readily available to the team. The tournament will commence on Friday with Shabbat services, Shabbat Dinner, and then Chlolympics! (Kedma's Cholent Competition). On Saturday, there will be morning services, lunch, speed dating, Maryland Amazing Race, and then each team will play two preliminary games starting after Shabbat ends.

On Sunday, each team will again play one more preliminary game, then the brackets will be announced and the tournament will begin. There will also be some down time for the team to explore Washington, D.C. and visit several sites, such as the Holocaust Museum, the Washington Monument, and the Smithsonian.

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National Public Health Week promotes an injury-free lifestyle

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

It only takes a second for an injury to happen – a few moments can drastically alter the course

of your life. But, it also only takes seconds to prevent injuries from happening. Such is the reasoning behind National Public Health Week's mission of preventing injury. The theme of this year's nationally recognized week is "Safety is no accident" and seeks to promote ways to live an injury-free life.

The potential for injury is all around us. In fact, every year, nearly 150,000 people die from injuries, while 30 million go to the emergency room for serious injuries. When you think that many of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented, those numbers are staggering.

National Public Health week seeks to promote the idea that injuries are not accidents and that there are various actions and steps that can be taken to reduce or limit the chance of injury. Injuries are unique in the fact that no America is really protected from them; however, by limiting risky behaviors and taking progressive action to limit the chance for injury, the nation as a whole can work together to create a safer living environment.

There are five main areas that are targeted as places for potential injury: at work, at home, at play, in the community, and on the move. Each location presents different avenues for injury, as well as various intervention strategies that can be used effectively to

reduce the chance for harm.

At Work: Adhere to OSHA guidelines and standard operating procedures. If you work at a plant or other facility that uses chemicals or dangerous materials. Conduct training sessions for employees to learn how to target and manage work-related stress and violence. Ensure that sprinkler systems are fully functional and drills are conducted every few months.

At Home: In addition to fire detectors, install carbon monoxide monitors to protect your family from the "silent killer." If there are children in the household, use safety devices to lock drawers and medicine cabinets. Keep sharp objects out of the reach of children.

At Play: Before practicing for a seasonal sport, get a standard physical to ensure fitness and ability to play. Drink water to refrain from becoming dehydrated. Wear a helmet and protective equipment for high-contact sports to prevent the chance of mild traumatic brain injury and other sports-related sprains and fractures.

In the Community: Use pedestrian sidewalks while crossing the street. Inform professionals of instances of bullying in schools. Wear reflective surfaces at night.

On the Move: Wear seat belts while driving. Wear a helmet while on a bicycle, scooter, or other motorized device. Don't get distracted while driving. Avoid texting, eating, or talking on the phone while operating a motor vehicle.

While many of the interventions or everyday ways to prevent injuries, may seem rudimentary, the statistics

show that many do not practice these seemingly simple tasks. Implementing some of the suggestions into your daily activities may actually save a life – maybe even your own.

By introducing these changes into your life, you can make a difference. Think about it. Two-thirds of children killed by bicycle-related injuries could have been saved if they had been wearing a helmet, as helmets reduce the risk of injury by 88%. A child safety seat in a motor vehicle could reduce the risk of death for infants by 71%. Just installing a smoke alarm in your home increases your chance of survival by 50%.

These statistics aren't just numbers, but actual cause for implementing simple change. The potential for injury is enormous, and the College community has seen firsthand the devastating effects of it in recent years.

For instance, Jacy Good '08, was the victim of a horrible car crash that killed both of her parents and severely debilitated her – all because a young driver became distracted while texting and driving.

Additionally, there has been increasing evidence between mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) in young athletes and the incidence of suicide. It has been acknowledged that this may have played a role in the death of sophomore, Michael Kursar. The College is our work, our community, and our home for four years. Why not make it a safer environment for you and the rest of the college community?

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the rungs."

After producing a feature-length documentary for his senior thesis in college and completing various programs in India, Nepal, Tibet, and Australia, Nelson interned with documentarian Albert Maysles, which provided him many networking opportunities. Additionally, through freelancing, he has worked with the Jimmy Fallon Show, Eli Manning, As the World Turns, and recently completed an ad campaign for Kate Spade.

Nelson stressed that, like many careers today, "you have to understand networking if you want to do production." He called production a lifestyle.

climb the rungs of the ladder. It's an industry with an established ladder, and it's very difficult to jump

"Networking is all reputation-based," he said, "I think I've used my resume once. ... You need to forge good relationships and update them."

By providing anecdotes of his own experiences and outlining the industry's inner structure and career paths, Nelson actively engaged the students and gave them the practical information for finding a job that, according to him, is hard to come by in the classroom.

When questioned what knowledge he gained at Muhlenberg that helped him get a job, Nelson answered that college afforded an environment to learn social skills. "The people sitting next to you," he said, "could give you a job one day."

For more alumni reflections and information about the Media & Communication Department's Alumni Week, see page 7.

The Student Activities Office and the Chaplains Office are pleased to announce the results of the Senior Speaker Election:



Commencement Speaker
Michael Williams

Champagne Brunch Speaker
Jason Steinberg

Senior Ball Champagne Toast
Kimberly Kaufman

Baccalaureate Address
Gil Schpero

Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Showers	Few Showers	Cloudy
High: 46 Low: 38	High: 49 Low: 43	High: 66 Low: 52

FROM MR. MUHLENBERG | PAGE 1 remake of many popular songs. From oldies to hip hop, Dunne transformed popular songs into funny statements and melodies. Ari Brandsdorfer got the crowd dancing and screaming to the sounds of Aaron Carter. Along with a bunch of dancers, Brandsdorfer performed an energetic dance number to the song, making the old song come to life. By building a special curtained stage, Dan Feldman created the illusion that his body was shortened and arms elongated. Using a friend's hands and legs, Dan danced to many popular songs. The crowd was impressed with "whoosh" to Soulja Boy's song "Crank That." I really enjoyed how Stephen Brickman incorporated the audience in his talent act. Screening the lyrics on the projection screen, he encouraged the audience to sing along. It was great to see and hear the entire audience singing along to Taylor Swift's "Love Story" and Eagle-Eye Cherry's song "Save tonight." Patrick McTamany also showcased his musical talent by performing the ballad "Don't Cry for Me Argentina." Some contestants chose to go the comedic route. Jordan Posner bravely sported tights and twirled a baton. Using his stand up skills, Dan Jimenez

cracked funny jokes and told great stories that got the crowd laughing.

The final competition consisted of the formal wear attire. Dressed in their best suits, the boys tried to convince the judges that they were worthy of the title of Mr. Muhlenberg, one last time. The contestants were interviewed as they made their way across the stage, escort in hand. Dan Jimenez chose a different route by wearing a red dress, complete with lipstick and make-up. He braved the crowd as he walked proudly across the stage. After performances by both the Perkulators and MINT, the judges came to their decision. Junior Patrick McTamany was named Mr. Muhlenberg 2011. He displayed his great fashion sense and vocal talent during the talent show. In the end, the judges believed that he deserved the title of Mr. Muhlenberg. Third runner-ups included Dan Feldman and Stephen Brickman. Ari Brandsdorfer's talent won him second runner up. It is evident that the competition continues to be supported and favored by Muhlenberg students.

Below from left to right: Ari Brandsdorfer, Patrick McTamany, and Dan Feldman



Media & Communication Alumni: Networking and the art of the job search

BY BRIAN BAXTER
NEWS WRITER

While some may have come just for the promise of pizza, the majority of students came to the "Networking and the Art of the Job Search" Event in Walson 115 on Mon., Mar. 28 to satisfy their hunger for information about how to find a job after graduating.

Muhlenberg alumni Jen Gable '10, Deirdre Macrino Varga '00, Josh Sacks '02 and Lisa Siciliano '10 returned to the "Berg" to share their knowledge and experiences with current students concerned with finding a desirable job in the field of communications.

The alumni offered tips for interviews, how to stand out, and how to deal with the pressures of being a senior still looking for a job after school. According

to the alumni, of major importance to finding a job is reaching out to people and not being afraid to put yourself out there and ask for help.

"After graduation I went out to Los Angeles and I didn't know anyone," said class of 2000 alum Deirdre Macrino Varga. "All I had was a list of numbers of former Muhlenberg students. I called these people I had never met before and just because I went to Muhlenberg they were willing to help me out."

Josh Sacks, a 2002 graduate, demonstrated the importance of networking firsthand by informing attendees about an internship position available at Peak Litigation Support, a full service legal technology staffing firm where he serves as managing director.

"In this competitive job market you have to stand out and know the right people," said Sacks. "Reach out to anyone you can. Family, friends, friends of friends, or Muhlenberg alumni like us here. You will find what you want if you put in the work."

The alumni sympathized with the students' concerns, remembering when they were in the same situation. The panel offered advice for students going through this time of great anxiety and uncertainty.

"Breathe," stated Varga. "I know it sounds simple, but you have to breathe and just know that something will come along. We have all been in your shoes and know how stressful it can be looking for a job. Stay calm and keep looking and something will eventually come your way."

Carpe Internet: Justin Buchbinder '04

BY BEN LEVINE
OP-ED EDITOR

What if you could garner international fame and gain a good deal of money just for a single Facebook post? It's possible. Muhlenberg grad Justin Buchbinder '04 took a friend's post and pitched the story behind it to publications and before long the story blew up.

Buchbinder's friend is Jonathan Lovitz, who posted this: "Just had an intense day at jury duty. During voir dire we were asked who would not be impartial. I raised my hand and said 'since I can't get married or adopt a child in the state of New York, I can't possibly be an impartial judge of a citizen when I am considered a second class one in the eyes of this justice system.' You wouldn't believe how people in the room reacted."

Buchbinder took Lovitz's post, posted it and an accompanying explanation to his blog, and then successfully pitched the story to several publications including The Village Voice and The Advocate. Before long, Lovitz was on MSNBC.

"All in all, it only took me an hour to write the post about what happened on my blog and pitch the story," said Buchbinder during his lecture "Get Social. Get Serious. Get Paid. 2.0."

Lovitz's story was consistent with Buchbinder's message: you can use the internet to be somebody. According to Jakob Nielsen, 90% of internet users are lurkers (people who read or observe but don't contribute, 9% of users contribute from time to time, and 1% of users participate a lot and account for most contributions. Buchbinder urged his captivated listeners to be in that one percent and to use the visibility the internet affords them to their advantage.

Life after 'Berg: Jared Miller '07

BY KAITLIN GARTHWAITE
NEWS WRITER

Need advice about what to do after graduation? Talk to alumni who have taken their college skill sets and applied them to real-world work experience.

On Wed., Mar. 30, Muhlenberg alum Jared Miller '07 took part in the Department of Media & Communication's annual Alumni Week by speaking to Dr. Tafler's Exploratory Film class about life after college. During this session, Miller explained what his current job entails and offered students advice on how to go about finding a job in this poor economy.

"It's a sales pitch over and over again," said Miller when speaking about the dreaded job search.

Miller emphasized the importance of meeting as many people as possible and making a lasting impression on them. While he admitted that searching for a job was long and grueling process; he said that he owes his success to hard work and persistence. He was willing to do whatever it took to find a job that he was passionate about.

After graduating from Muhlenberg, with degrees in both Media and Communications and Film Studies, Jared decided to move to Philadelphia. Within a few months, he landed a job with the Philadelphia Film Society. Since taking this position, Jared has learned more about the world of film programming and hopes to eventually work on a programming team at either a theater or Festival.

Miller's best advice for students was to focus the present, rather than the future, when searching for jobs. When referring to his current position, he told the class, "I found something that I was passionate about today."

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 21 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of several items found at the library. It is unknown to whom they belong. The items include a sweater, a watch, mugs, books, gloves, and sunglasses. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 21 – Robbery (Other Dangerous Weapon) – At 321 N. 22nd St., in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, the campus community should know that the Department of Campus Safety and Allentown Police received a report of a robbery/home invasion. The incident occurred at approximately 12:30am on campus in a College owned MILE house. The suspects are described as three black males, all wearing black, possibly wearing hoodies. Two of the males had a scarf over their faces. The suspects did have a gun. Anyone with information please contact Campus Safety at 484-664-3112 or Allentown Police at 610-437-7751. We remind everyone to please keep your doors locked and be aware of your surroundings. When walking alone at night always walk in well-lit areas. When exiting your vehicle make sure you lock your doors and park in well-lit areas.

Mar. 21 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of a found charger. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The charger was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 21 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of theft of items from a locker including a cell phone, charger, and headphones. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 22 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication via suspicious phone calls. Allentown Police Department responded and took a report. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 23 – Found Property – In the Prosser parking lot, there was a report of a found room key. It is unknown to whom the key belongs. The key was given to Residential Services.

Mar. 24 – Harassment – In Walz Hall, there was a report of harassment. Residential Services was notified and responded. Letters of no contact were issued to the involved parties.

Mar. 24 – Stalking – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of harassment via stalking. Health Services was notified. Letters of no contact were issued to the involved parties.

Mar. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation involving non-students. The individuals were identified and released to their guardians.

Mar. 25 – Found Property

– In Trexler Library, there was a report of a found jacket and iPod. Attempts were made to contact the owner. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 25 – Found Property – In Ettinger, first floor, there was a report of a found watch. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The watch was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 25 – Found Property – In the 26th St. and Chew St. parking lot, there was a report of a found wallet. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The wallet was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 25 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a found iPod. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 25 – Found Property – On Chew St., there was a report of a found toy knife. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 25 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of drug possession. Several student and non-students were identified and spoken to. Paraphernalia was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Non-students were issued letters of trespass and the students were referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 26 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation and possession of drug paraphernalia. Several full and empty beer cans were found in addition to a bottle of liquor and drug paraphernalia. All items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Residential Services were notified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 26 – Institutional Vandalism – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of vandalism. Posters and trash were found on the second floor. Residential Services were notified.

Mar. 26 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of found student ID cards and a backpack. All owners were notified to pick up the items at the Campus Safety office. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 26 – Found Property – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 27 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At 417 Leh St., there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. Allentown EMS responded. The student refused treatment or transport and signed a waiver. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 28 – Larceny/Theft – On campus, a reporting

party found a wallet. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The owner noted that money was missing from the wallet. The money was missing prior to the wallet being turned in to the Campus Safety office.

Mar. 29 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the Village lower parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There were scratches to the hood. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 30 – Found Property – Off campus, there was a report of a found driver's license. A message was left with the student to pick up the license at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 31 – Harassment – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of harassment. The students were spoken to and letters of no contact were issued. Residential Services were notified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 31 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of several items found including a jacket, glasses, and a water bottle. It is unknown to whom the items belong or when they were turned in. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 31 – Institutional Vandalism – At 318 Albright St., there was a report of vandalism to a window. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations and Housekeeping were notified to repair the

window and clean the area.

Apr. 1 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a report of a student arrested by Allentown Police Department. The student was arrested for Underage Consumption and Public Drunkenness.

Apr. 1 – Larceny/Theft – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a theft of a parking sticker. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 1 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a found bag of marijuana. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Apr. 2 – Disorderly Conduct – On Liberty St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon Campus Safety officers arriving, a student was seen urinating outside. Allentown The individual was identified and the student was cited for Disorderly Conduct. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, there was a report of vandalism. Wooden panels fell out of place. A supervisor from Sodexo responded.

Periodic Review Report available online

Muhlenberg College's regional accrediting agency is the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Five years ago we successfully completed a major written Self-Study and were visited by a Commission committee. Sanford Unger, President of Goucher College, was the chair of that visiting team. Based on our study and the visit, Muhlenberg College was reaccredited. The Self-Study required two years of data gathering, both quantitative and qualitative, and proposed areas the College sought to analyze such as academic programs, institutional planning, and student affairs services.

For the past two years, a steering committee, co-chaired by Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College, and Kathy Haring, Associate Dean for Institutional Assessment, has been working on the Periodic Review Report (PRR). The PRR is a required interim report completed five years after the Self-Study. The PRR has the following components: Executive Summary, Responses to the Self-Study and 2006 Visiting Team Recommendations, Challenges and Opportunities for the Next Five Years, Enrollment and Finance Trends and Projections, Institutional and Student Learning Assessment.

A draft of the PRR is available online. Comments from the college community are most welcome. Students, faculty and staff are receiving information electronically about how to access the report through the President's Webpage.

Courtesy of Dean Wilson

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is not measured by the breaths you take,
but by its breathtaking moments."

- Michael Vance

Barefoot Truth Leaves Footprints!

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

Last Saturday night, I found myself sitting outside the Red Door, chatting with a couple of my friends. As we contemplated what performances to see and what events to attend, we did not include listening to the visiting band on our agenda. The college consistently brings great musicians and bands from across the country to perform for its students. Just as my friends and I were about to leave the Red Door, we spotted a crew of young guys carrying instruments and equipment walk into the Red Door. Earlier that day, I had spotted a poster advertising the band, but had walked briskly by it. Instead, I found myself dancing and singing along to the bands refreshingly relaxing music.

The very first thing I noticed about the band was their personal and friendly attitude. Even before setting up their instruments and equipment, the members introduced themselves to us. The band consists of leader singer, drummer and guitarist Will Evans, pianist John Waynelovic, Weissenborn slide guitarist Jay Driscoll, bassist Andy Wrby and harmonica player Garrett Duffy. Both friendly and outspoken, the band promised to give us girls a shout out. It was clear that each member had his own personality and style. Together they formed a cohesive musically talented group. Around 10pm, the group settled themselves on stage, by tuning their instruments and sound equipment. As my friends and I sat in the front row cheering like a bunch of preteens at a boy band concert, the band started with their first song, "Changes in the Weather." I was

instantly taken aback by the maturity of their sound. Evans' strong vocals provided a sultry component to the folk-rock song. As the song progressed, different layers of instruments were added. The sound of the Weissenborn slide guitar by Driscoll, added a unique flavor to the song. I found myself glued to the performers as they were moving their fingers quickly and strumming just at the right time. As if that

wasn't enough, Duffy's harmonica solo excited the crowd who enjoyed the country feeling it brought.

The bands interaction with the crowd created a comfortable and inviting atmosphere. After every song, Evans and Driscoll asked questions, answered my own tedious questions and joked with the audience. The crowd enjoyed the bands combination of humor and musical talent. I felt part of the show, drawn into their conversations and jokes. As the show progressed, the band performed a variety of songs from their old and new albums. One of my favorites was the slightly reggae "Spoonful." With intelligent and meaningful lyrics, the song drew me in instantly. I enjoyed the laid back feeling it gave off. In many of the songs, Waynelovic showed off his skills on the piano, playing both as an accompaniment and soloist. I was absolutely mesmerized by his runs and jazzy sounding solos. The crowd increasingly got louder as he passionately performed. Whoops and whistles filled the Red Door, as each member added their own stylistic solos. The crowd was also encouraged to sing along. Repeating what Evans sang, the crowd enthusiastically sang back with much energy. My friends and I spent the night dancing, clapping and yelling, glad that we decided to attend the show.

By this show, it is evident that Barefoot Truth will go far. The band's personality attracts individuals who feel a musical enlightenment. Their genre of music cannot be described in one word. By combining many different types of music together, Barefoot Truth creates its own eclectic genre. I especially appreciated the acoustic arrangement of the set because it produced a personal and raw feel. Even after the band played its last song, the audience was able to convince them to stay and play a few more songs. At the last song, the band invited the audience to come up on stage in front of them. At this announcement the entire audience filled the front stage of the Red Door, dancing, clapping and singing to the beat of the music. The atmosphere was both positive and energetic. I could see how happy the members were upon seeing the "mules" dance and sing. Going out with a bang, Barefoot Truth sold merchandise and talked to students after the performance. They were relaxed and excited to talk to us, explaining how they met and answering a bombardment of questions. After taking a picture with three of the members, we were all pleased with the result of the night. Barefoot Truth brought an entertaining, energetic performance to Muhlenberg. While I think all the artists that visit Muhlenberg are equally talented, Barefoot Truth definitely caught my attention as an up and coming dynamic band.

Their desire to talk and get to know their fans created an authenticity that is often lacking in the music industry. Even though I left the show with a shot voice, tired body and exhausted mind, I knew that I had spent the night listening to one of the coolest bands around.



Barefoot Truth performing live on stage!

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Question of the Week

What is the best prank you have played on a person?



"I told my roommate that I'm not living with her next year because I was transferring schools."

- Torie Paone '13



"I changed my boyfriend's Facebook profile picture to a picture of a Guido and under interests I put tanning, doing laundry, and hanging out with the boys."

- Christy Alvord, '11



"I took Oreos and scraped off the icing and in place I put Colgate toothpaste."

- Matthew Howard, '11



"The first annual April Fool's edition of the 'Berg Bulletin.'"

- Mike Bruckner, Public Relations

I love... Muhlenberg College!

Comedian Michael Ian Black packs Memorial Hall

By AVNI MITTAL
LIFE WRITER

Michael Ian Black was a panda bear. Hands in the air, hips swinging, Black reenacted an experience in Amsterdam with his wife that had hundreds of 'Berg student wheezing with laughter.

On Thurs., Mar. 31, stand-up comedian Michael Ian Black performed at the College's very own Memorial Hall; the entrance was free for students with Muhlenberg ID. Students gathered into the Hall for an hour of hilarious comedy.

Michael Ian Black is a comedian, actor, writer, and director among other things. He is well-known for his comedic talents through his four seasons of *Ed* which ran on NBC and *Stella* which was on Comedy Central. He also made appearances on VH1's "I love the..." series. He is also a prominent poker player, appearing on *Celebrity Poker Showdown* several times.

He opened his act by talking about making an impression on an airplane by doing really embarrassing actions such as be the last one to arrive on the plane, ask your seatmate to help buckle your seatbelt, and make "banana noises" every 30 seconds.

He then proceeded with telling about his skydiving experience and how he is not a risk taker but he was able to do it and ended the night with a story about an embarrassing visit to the

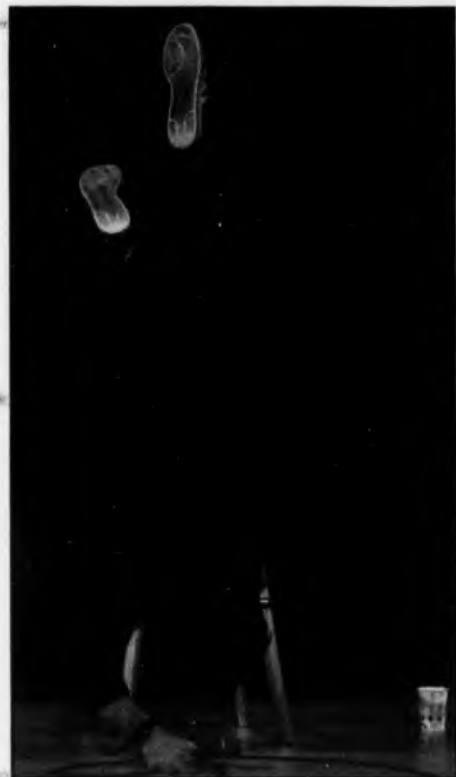
doctor with bowel problems.

Throughout the performance the audience reacted with laughter and applause. Leaving the hall many people said that Michael Ian Black was one of the better comedians the college has hosted.

Students in MAC who had helped set up before and clean up after the performance were able to meet the comedian and everyone said he was very nice and was grateful to perform at the college.

"Michael was an incredibly laid back, all around nice guy. He was really funny on stage and off," said Jillian Bevacqua '11, former comedy chair for the Muhlenberg Activities Council. Bevacqua and Sara Grasberg '14, MAC's current comedy chair, introduced Black before the show and both agreed that working with him was a great experience.

Good job everyone in MAC who brought Michael Ian Black for a fun and successful night!



Michael Ian Black reenacting his skydiving skit.

PHOTO BY DEBORAH WARD



Michael Ian Black gets sassy.

PHOTO BY DEBORAH WARD

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Apr. 7

- 1) Ellen Frank: Cities of Peace in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8:00pm
- 2) Community Garden Workday in the community garden from 4:30pm-6:30pm
- 3) Darfur speaker from Doctors Without Borders at Hillel from 5:00pm-6:30pm

Fri. Apr. 8

- 1) Ellen Frank: Cities of Peace in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8:00pm
- 2) 8th Annual Social Research Social Justice Conference in Miller Forum from 10am-3:30pm
- 3) Sister Spit performance in Seegers 113 from 7:00pm-10:00pm

Sat. Apr. 9

- 1) Ellen Frank: Cities of Peace in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8:00pm
- 2) Concert: Collegium Musicum in the Egner Memorial Chapel from 4:00pm-6:00pm
- 3) A Capella Fest in the Empie Theatre from 7:00pm-10:30pm
- 4) Doc Dance Party at Hillel from 8:00pm-10:00 pm

Sun. Apr. 10

- 1) Zumba in the Life Sports Center from 6:45pm-8:00pm
- 2) Wale & Chiddy Bang spring concert in Memorial Hall from 7:00pm-10:30pm

Everyone is invited to the Soph-Smore Bonfire!

Date: Rescheduled for Wed., April 13

Place: Library Lawn

Time: 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

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The Tempest: An original metanarrative



Alice defending her sanity.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SNYDER



A tumultuous scene from *The Tempest*.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SNYDER

Performed in the Empie Theatre from Mar. 31 to Apr. 3, the College's production of *The Tempest* featured an original metanarrative devised by Charles O. Anderson and Troy Dwyer in collaboration with the company. The metanarrative operated on stage simultaneously with the play's traditional narrative. This unique telling of Shakespeare's classic play was told through movement, staging choices, characterization choices, and the reinterpretation of key moments in the traditional narrative.

For those who do not know, a metanarrative is an untold cultural "story" that explains the formation and preservations of power structures within a culture. Metanarratives are not usually told outright but are reinforced by other, more specific narratives told within the culture.

The setting of the traditional version of the play took place hundreds of years ago on an enchanted

island somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea between Italy and Africa. Meanwhile, the location of the modernized version of the play took place in 2011, in and around an aging building in a city that could be New York City, or Philadelphia, or even Allentown.

The metanarrative begins with Alice, an old woman played by Holly Cate, who is distraught to learn of her eviction from her apartment building. Alice is suffering from dementia and casts the people around her as characters in *The Tempest* in an attempt to maintain control over her life.

In the traditional version of *The Tempest*, a story of revenge unfolds on desert island as Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan, magically conjures up a tempest in order to strand his brother and a rival king, both of whom ousted Prospero from his dukedom and left him and his infant daughter for dead.



The cast of *The Tempest* in action.

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Holly Cate as Alice/Prospero in *The Tempest*.

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Softball team continues Centennial Conference successes

By C. N. BROWN
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College's softball team has had a very busy spring season so far. Starting in Florida over the school's spring break, the

Mules have been breaking records and making a name for themselves as a stronghold.

The ladies continued their success streak into their Centennial Conference season opener on Mar. 29 against Swarthmore.

At Cedar Creek Field, the Mules started out their double-header day with an offensive explosion as the Mules produced an 11-1 victory. The nightcap was a close affair, but the ladies still boasted a strong offensive 3-1 win against the Swarthmore Garnets.

The next day, Mon. Mar. 30, the Mules participated in another double-header and walked away with one victory for the day. The Pride took the first game, 5-3. The Mules' explosive offense struck again in the fifth inning of the second game of their home doubleheader against Widener, sending nine runs across the plate to turn a 2-1 deficit into a 10-2 victory.

The team at that point was just two doubles short of the school record of 48 in a year. They had already surpassed their 2010 season totals in runs (134 vs. 111), doubles (46 vs. 28) and home runs (7 vs. 5).

Muhlenberg has scored in the double digits in eight of their games, the most since the team in 1994 scored 10 or more a school-record nine times.

Mon., Apr. 2, the Mules experienced the same bittersweet feeling of walking away with one victory and one loss at Washington College.

Muhlenberg used the long ball to take a lead in the first game. Senior Ashley Brewer hit a three-run bomb to center in the top of third, putting the Mules ahead 3-2. The home run was the ninth of Brewer's career and made her the first player in program history to have two seasons with three home runs. Washington (12-10, 4-2) tied the score in the bottom of the sixth. The teams remained tied through nine innings and went to the international tiebreaker rule in the 10th. A Muhlenberg runner was thrown out at the plate in the top of the inning, and the Shorewomen singled in the winning run in the bottom half with a score of 4-3.

The Mules (now 12-9, 3-1) scored six of their seven runs in Game 2 in two innings. In the first inning, Freshman Erica Wenzel nailed a two-run home run. In the fourth, Muhlenberg added four runs on a hit batter with the bases loaded and three straight bases-loaded walks.

Sophomore Angie Sisco finished with four hits allowed in her total of 5 1/3 innings pitched, earning her fourth win of the season.

The Mules were the last CC team to suffer a league loss this season and are now tied for first with Gettysburg and Dickinson in the early standings.

Tuesday's scheduled doubleheader at Haverford was postponed to Wed., Apr. 6, at 3:00. The next games for the women will be Sat. Apr. 9 at 1:00 against McDaniel, Tues. Apr. 12 at Franklin & Marshall at 3:00, and Thurs., Apr. 14 at Moravian at 3:00. Congratulations to the team for their success thus far, and best of luck in their future endeavors!



Freshman Third Baseman Chelsea Benjamin hit her first collegiate double in a game against Swarthmore.

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Corey Aferiat named Centennial Player of the Week

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Junior Attack Corey Aferiat of the Muhlenberg Men's Lacrosse Team was named Offensive Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference.

Aferiat scored three goals, including the go-ahead tally and an important insurance goal, in the Mules' 11-10 win against 11th-ranked Gettysburg on Saturday. Aferiat, who came into the game with only two goals all season, scored with 6:34 left in the fourth quarter to put Muhlenberg up 10-9, just nine seconds after the tying goal, then added another score at the 4:10 mark. He scored his three goals on only four shots as the Mules posted their first win ever against the Bullets.

Aferiat's second career hat trick helped Muhlenberg become the first team to score in double digits against Gettysburg this season. The Bullets held their first eight opponents under 10 goals for the first time in their history and still lead the CC in team goals-against average (6.72). Gettysburg also had its 16-game CC regular-season winning streak snapped.

Aferiat has scored seven points on five goals and two assists this season. For his career, he is tied for second among active Mules with 47 career points.



Junior Attack Corey Aferiat is from Fairfax, VA and has earned two varsity letters in his collegiate career.

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Race and basketball: The 'Fab Five'

By EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This is for those who may not have heard about "The Fab Five" or the recently acclaimed ESPN documentary about this trend-setting and enigmatic group of Michigan University college basketball players, who were all members of their 1991 recruiting class. These fabulous five freshmen represented a basketball cultural fad that influenced basketball as a whole, the perception of college basketball, and as they were all black athletes, the perception of race as it pertains to basketball. The very well received documentary has ignited a wide spread racial controversy over the contentious words of Fab Five member, Jalen Rose. Rose who was most recently a basketball analyst for ESPN and also a former NBA player of over ten years made these honest comments about how he used to feel in the ESPN documentary, "For me Duke was personal. I hated Duke; I hated everything I felt Duke stood for. Schools like Duke didn't recruit players like me. I felt like they only recruited black players that were Uncle Toms."

Other members of the Fab Five then go on to express their hatred of Duke mention three of their players as people they hated. It was stated as if they hated them not as people, but as basketball rivals. Before I discuss the ensuing controversy over the "Uncle Tom" remark, I will paraphrase Jalen Rose's subsequent comments and give a brief background of Jalen Rose and the most ostensible disparager of his words, Grant Hill (a black former Duke basketball player). Rose's next few comments convey his jealousy of Hill at the time of his college days because of Hill's middle class upbringing, whose parents both went to college,

in stark contrast to Rose's childhood, raised by a single mother, whose father was not around. Jalen Rose clearly states his "bitterness" and "resentment" towards Hill's background (in contrast to his) and not to Grant Hill the person.

In Hill's eloquent op-ed response to Rose's comment, published in *The New York Times*, he said this, "In his garbled but sweeping comment that Duke recruits only 'black players that were 'Uncle Toms,' 'Rose seems to change the usual meaning of those very vitriolic words into his own meaning, i.e., blacks from two-parent, middle-class families.'" Hill's articulate and passionate response and many other comments regarding Rose's "Uncle Tom" remark have sparked a widespread racial debate about stereotyping and the like.

Duke basketball has a proud and distinguished tradition of excellence on and off the court, and in no way judges players by race who have numerous black players represent the school. In Rose's response to Hill's piece he said, "That's what I thought when I was 17," hopefully this stresses the young-minded and erroneous idea, that he admittedly no longer feels, that black players who went to Duke were any less black or sell-outs of their race. What I think should be taken away from this dispute is not whose comments were more truthful or right or wrong, but an examination of stereotypes of black athletes today and in the past.

Of course sports in America have made it a long way from the days of Jackie Robinson and numerous other past injustices that were commonplace throughout the early 20th century. However, racial division and stereotyping in today's seemingly advanced society has not become extinct. There are many different notions

among players and the viewing public about being or acting "black" in sports and what that supposedly means. A colorblind attitude to race and different backgrounds is not entirely pervasive of sports culture and can surely be improved on. "The Fab Five" had a profound social impact on basketball culture that is still evident today. What a player like Jalen Rose did, coming from an enormously difficult situation, is well deserving of praise. And what Grant Hill has done and the numerous of other black players that went to Duke have done is also significant. Both of these people are epitomes of hardworking, socially conscious athletes. For example Jalen Rose is responsible for spending millions of his own money to set up a charter school in Detroit and helps many others behind the scenes with by supporting scholarships for both sports and academics.

When I read about black basketball players who were not able to eat in the same restaurants, stay in the same hotels, or sit together in a movie theater with their white teammates, it saddens me that was once okay. Instances like this were so common not that long ago it's hard to imagine the struggle so many black athletes had to encounter before the next generations could play virtually unconstrained.

Today we can learn from those past injustices and move forward as a society by not judging the black athletes we see on TV or thinking we know who they really are because we don't. Don't think of a player as being "black" or "white, but as a basketball player and more importantly another human being. This prevalent debate will hopefully put a spotlight on what we could be doing better with regards to race relations and maybe we will.

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Can the college quarterback transition to the NFL?

BY JEREMY FUCHS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

With the threat of a football lockout, talk about the NFL Draft has been dominating the sports landscape. The draft, less than a month away, brings upon plenty debate and discussion about each individual prospect.

The most important position in football, the quarterback, often leads to the most fierce debates. There are a few quarterbacks who could be taken in the first round. They are: Cam Newton of Auburn, Blaine Gabbert of Missouri, Jake Locker of Washington, and Ryan Mallett of Arkansas. All have enormous talent, but all have sizable flaws.

The two quarterbacks at the top, Cam Newton and Blaine Gabbert, are both incredibly gifted. However, they have pretty big flaws. Both quarterbacks came from spread offenses in college. A spread offense is what it sounds like. The receivers are spread out across the field, and the quarterback usually has only a few options. In Newton's case, if the primary receiver is covered, he will take off and run. In Gabbert's case, the offense dictates itself where the receivers are usually not covered. They only have to make a few decisions. In a NFL offense, defenses are much more complex, and the decision making process is much more difficult. Newton will not be able to just up and run if the defense covers his receiver. Gabbert will have more decisions to make, and his receivers will not be as open.

While the two are athletically gifted enough that they will be able to make all the throws, they will need to sit for at least a year in order to fully grasp and understand the NFL game. Unfortunately, the two will be picked by teams that need quarterbacks and need stars. They will be forced to start right away, and that would lead to limited success and a high failure rate. Many spread college quarterbacks have failed miserably in the NFL. Players like Tim Couch, Akili Smith, Alex Smith and Joey Harrington were all picked very high in the draft, and they were all awful and flamed out pretty quickly. The transition is difficult. Gabbert and Newton's talent is certainly very high. However, they will have to be brought along slowly. Unfortunately for them, they probably will not.

Jake Locker and Ryan Mallett are more of mid- to late- first round pockets.

Both possess enormous potential. Like Gabbert and Newton, they have some big weaknesses. Locker was a very inaccurate quarterback in college, with a high completion rate of 58.2% his junior season. By comparison, last year's first overall pick Sam Bradford completed 69.5% of his passes his sophomore season. With accuracy being one of the major components of success in the NFL, Locker's inaccuracy will be a major hindrance at the pro level. If he's inaccurate at the college level, there is no reason to believe that he will be accurate at the pro level. Locker was not surrounded by major talent at Washington, but inaccuracy will be his downfall.

Mallett possesses one of the strongest arms in college football, if not in pro football. He can make every pro throw. He was incredibly accurate and productive in college, playing in a pro style offense at Arkansas. Mallett is perhaps the most talented and most pro ready quarterback in this draft class. However, Mallett's off the field concerns outweigh his on the field talents. Mallett has been arrested for public intoxication. Also, there have been plenty of rumors of heavy drug use by Mallett. With teams investing so much in their quarterback, and a quarterback having to be the face of a franchise, teams will be wary to put faith in someone who could embarrass them later. Mallett has all the potential in the world, but his off the field issues could make him the next Ryan Leaf.

All of the top prospect quarterbacks have major talent, yet are rife with major concerns. There is a good chance that all of them could be stars, and there is a good chance that all of them could be busts. There is no sure thing this season. There is no Sam Bradford. Teams that pick a quarterback will be taking a major roll of the dice. They will be spending major money on a player who could end up being awful. While the draft is always full of risks and this year is certainly no exception. These players personify the term "boom or bust." A lot will depend on the situation they are placed in, and whether they are given the time necessary to learn the position and make an impact. However, given the "win now" mentality, and the fact that teams needing quarterbacks also need boosts in attendance, the failure rate may be higher than the success rate.

Upcoming Schedule

Baseball (6-18-1, 3-3)

Apr. 9 F&M (DH) 12:30

Apr. 12 Swarthmore 3:30

Softball (12-9, 3-1)

Apr. 9 McDaniel 1:100

Apr. 12 @ F&M

Apr. 14 @ Moravian

Outdoor Track & Field

Apr. 9 Coach P Open

@ Moravian

Women's Lacrosse (4-5, 0-4)

Apr. 9 McDaniel 12:00

Apr. 13 Swarthmore 8:00

Men's Lacrosse (3-6, 1-3)

Apr. 9 McDaniel 3:00

Men's Tennis (1-6, 0-3)

Apr. 9 McDaniel 1:00

Apr. 13 @ F&M 4:00

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Men's Golf

Mar. 27

McDaniel Spring Invit.

Mules 6th

Mar. 31

Moravian Spring Invit.

Mules 1st

Apr. 4

Mid-Atlantic Regional

Mules 10th

Baseball

Mar. 26

@ Washington College

L: 1-0, W: 9-6

Mar. 29

vs. Ursinus

W: 9-8

Apr. 2

vs. McDaniel

L: 2-1, W: 8-6

Apr. 3

@ Ursinus

L: 10-9

Softball

Mar. 29

vs. Swarthmore

W: 11-1, W: 3-1

Mar. 30

vs. Widener

L: 5-3, W: 10-2

Apr. 2

@ Washington College

L: 4-3 (10), W: 7-4

Men's Lacrosse

Mar. 26

vs. Gettysburg

W: 11-00

Mar. 29

vs. Swarthmore

L: 7-6

Apr. 2

@ Washington College

L: 9-6

Women's Lacrosse

Mar. 30

@ Haverford

L: 11-9

Apr. 2

@ Washington College

L: 16-13

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would fall apart. While we may receive similar content through different mediums, we comprehend and learn that content differently across different modes of communication. Reading can help improve our vocabulary, analytic thinking, memory, intelligence, writing skills, and can improve concentration (at least according to a "benefits of reading" Google search...maybe technology isn't all that bad).

Overall, it'd be great if print media could coexist side by side with other forms of social media because both have their own unique benefits to offer. The future promises to bring more technological advances that are sure to attract more attention away from print media, but print has been able to survive in the face of technological advances in the past. Radio and television were not able to defeat the written word and it seems unlikely that it will give up the fight now in the face of another challenger. I hope you made it to the end of this article and if not maybe print has already lost the battle, or maybe we just need to hire some better writers.



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One stroke makes a difference; the win

BY JOY FORLENZA
WEEKLY SPORTS ASST EDITOR

Muhlenberg's Men's Golf Team has had hurdles to overcome, such as brutal weather conditions tearing up the green. However, winning hasn't been as much of an obstacle.

Last week, 'Berg won the Moravian Spring Invitational by one mere stroke! That one stroke put them over Rutgers-Camden and Moravian and gave them its third tournament title of the 2010-2011 school year. It goes to show how every little maneuver can result in immense outcomes in sports!

Senior Zachary Oyer said in an interview with Muhlenberg Athletics: "Today, just like every day, I told the guys to stay patient and keep grinding." He explained, "When we get into this weather I feel we have a competitive advantage as we do not let it affect us. I'm proud of how all our guys stayed together, grinding it out, knowing that each and every stroke counts."

Oyer made an impressive feat at this tournament. He was one of only seven golfers (out of 97) to break 80, playing at even par over the back nine to finish with a 6-over-par 78, good for fifth. He has shot in the 70s in all but one of his 11 rounds this year.

Noteworthy contributions to Muhlenberg's tournament win were made by Freshman Chris DiMaio, Senior Eric Boskey, and Senior Jordan Carpenter. DiMaio, tied for eighth with an 80, striking right after Boskey. Carpenter concluded the Mules' top four with an 82.

The College's Men's Golf has not only shown themselves to be strong team this year, but they have also proven that they have been consistently strong and worthy opponents for years. Their winning tournament marks the second time in the last four years that Muhlenberg has won three tournaments.

And if one stroke is the reason for it, then that goes to show that the Men's Golf Team knows how to play in a fashion that keeps things exciting.

Perhaps all the skill they possess comes with a small dose of luck as well. We'll have to see how this carries them through the rest of the season.



Freshman Chris DiMaio tied for eighth with a score of 80.

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Tennis season gets off to a bouncing start

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg's Women's and Men's Tennis is in full swing for the Spring 2011 season. The Women's Tennis team took a tough loss in their first game to Vassar, but

rebounded swiftly beating their next two opponents Elizabethtown and Franklin & Marshall handily. In their third game of the season they were beaten on the road by Swarthmore, but the team valiantly rallied to win their next three games by exceedingly large margins. With a 5-2 record and 3-1 record in the Centennial Conference, the Women's team looks to build on an impressive start.

Captained by Seniors Caitie Druker, Lindsay Schmidt, Sara Sutker, and Danielle Winston, the Lady Mules has gotten off to a quick start in the season. So far they have accomplished two separate winning streaks, of two and three matches respectively.

On the other side the Men's tennis team got off to a good start dominating their first opponent at Penn State Berks before hitting a bit of a rough patch losing their next five. The last of those was against a very good regionally ranked Washington team.

The team has many underclassmen but has a strong core of juniors and seniors that offer years of past experience. Led by their three Senior Captains, Robbie Goldwein, Wayne Mitchell, and Jordan Rutt, this neophyte team has plenty of games remaining to set the ship on the right course and will learn from some tough early games. With more than half the season left to play the team is eager to rebound in a positive direction and turn the season into a positive learning experience.



Senior Captain Sara Sutker has earned three varsity letters at Muhlenberg and looks to lead the Lady Mules to victory.

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What is the future of sports media?

BY BRIAN BAXTER
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Today we don't have to read an article by a journalist to learn about our favorite athletes. Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and other social media allow athletes to reach anyone with Internet access easily and instantly. Compounding this issue is the fact that newspapers are beginning to die with more and more people getting news from other sources whether it is television or on the computer.

So what is the future of sports journalism? It seems unlikely that journalists will become extinct. Whether people are reading a newspaper or looking at a television or computer screen, there will always be a need for someone to report the news. I'm sure the athletes would love it if the media disappeared.

Many players and coaches seem to regard the media as the enemy and can any of us really blame them? Have you ever watched a press conference with a coach after losing a big game or with a player who

blew the game because of one huge gaffe? Players and coaches have to go in front of a room of people who don't have half the athletic ability they have and answer questions about what they were thinking when they lost the game for everyone or other questions that will highlight their mistake.

Many reporters will tweet updates during practice or games and the majority of fans seem content watching SportsCenter to get their information about the happenings in the sports world. In this digital age, some of the most popular and interesting stories are not written with words but shown in pictures through documentaries, TV specials and films. Is this a bad thing? It's hard to say. I certainly enjoyed the recently aired 30 for 30 documentaries produced by ESPN that investigated unique and entertaining sports stories.

I worry our attention spans are being abused by this technology overloaded world we live in. I feel like my attention span is being broken down everyday as I do

my work with music playing and a television on in the background. It seems like sporting events also have to work harder than ever to keep spectators focused and entertained. Each year halftime shows become more elaborate and everything seems more theatrical than ever. It is easier than ever to be entertained. Hours can be spent on Facebook or YouTube without us even realizing how long we have been on it.

What does this all have to do with sports media? Well, it seems like sports media is following the mold the rest of media is taking. We are condensing things, dumbing them down and reducing things to 140 characters at a time. We live in a fast food time and we want to consume things that are look good and at a quick pace, and like McDonalds, it may not be the healthiest thing for us to do.

I don't want to be an alarmist but language is a pretty important aspect of our way of life. Without communication, things

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Commencement speaker Tony Kushner and honorary degree recipients announced

By KELLY FRAZEE
Co-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Celebrated and multi-award winning

playwright Tony Kushner has been named as this year's Commencement speaker. Kushner will also receive an honorary degree, along with Dr. Benjamin Carson, Joseph B. Scheller and Rita Scheller, James B. Stewart, and Peter Yarrow.

Kushner's most well-known work is his two-part epic *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*. He also penned the screenplays for Steven Spielberg's film *Munich* and Mike Nichols' *Angels in America*. He has written multiple other plays, as well as books. His most recent work, a play entitled *The Intelligent Homosexual's Guide to Capitalism & Socialism with a Key to the Scriptures*, premiered in May 2009 at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis.

His other accolades include a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, an Emmy Award, two Tony Awards, three Obie Awards, a Spirit of Justice Award from the Gay and Lesbian Advocated and Defenders, and a Cultural Achievement Award from The National Foundation for Jewish Culture, just to name a few.

Internationally renowned physician,



Tony Kushner

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Dr. Benjamin Carson is the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, and will be one of the five people to receive an Honorary Degree from the College. He focuses on traumatic brain injuries, brain and spinal cord tumors, achondroplasia, neurological and congenital disorders, craniosynostosis, epilepsy, and trigeminal neuralgia. Families of children who have

been under his care refer to him as a miracle worker. Dr. Carson has written over 100 neurosurgical publications, as well as three best-selling books. Moreover, he has been the recipient of 38 honorary degrees in addition to a number of national merit honors.

Joseph B. Scheller and Rita Scheller, the College's very own celebrities, will also be celebrated with Honorary Degrees. The Schellers founded the R.J. Fellows program in 2001, and since then over 100 students have developed a capacity for leadership and service through being a part of this honors community. Ms. Scheller stated, "The program is centered on the realization that the future is, and always will be, uncertain. It is the individual's ability to make intelligent and ethical decisions in the face of this uncertainty that leads to a fulfilling and productive life." The Schellers have continuously supported the Institute of Jewish-Christian Understanding at the College, but their philanthropy reaches far beyond campus. At Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Scheller's alma mater, they founded The Scheller Teacher Education Program (STEP)

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Stooges armed robbery: Campus Safety responds

By ADAM BERNSTEIN
Co-COPY EDITOR

As much of the College is aware, there has been a recent uptick in armed robberies around campus. Most

recently, in the early morning hours of Sun, Apr. 10, the popular over-21 College hotspot, Stooges Bar, was robbed at gunpoint. Allentown Police Department is in charge of the investigation since the incident did not occur on the College campus and no Muhlenberg students were involved. The Morning Call is reporting that at approximately 2:30 am, a male employee at the bar escorted a female customer to her car. Upon returning to the bar, the robbers came up to him, one carrying a gun. Allentown Police Department's Assistant Chief Joseph Hanna told the Morning Call, "one of the [robbers] held the female manager at gunpoint in the kitchen and the second one went into the area where they were counting the evening's [cash]. They took [an undetermined amount of] money from the register drawer and also the money being counted."

The men forced the manager and the two other employees to lie on the ground as they fled. The robbers' direction of travel was unknown. At 3:17 am, shortly after the victims reported the information to Allentown Police, Muhlenberg made the decision to initiate their emergency response system. The carillon rang and emergency text messages and emails were sent out. At

3:21 am, an email was sent out alerting of the robbery. Another email was sent at 3:37 am with a description of the suspects. The suspects were described as two black males, wearing black hoodies and masks over their faces. The suspect with the handgun was described as 6'4" and approximately 240 pounds. Allentown Police and the College's Campus Safety searched the area and declared at 4:40 am that the suspects had fled and that all was clear. At that time, a final text message and email were sent signaling the all-clear message.

The Department of Campus Safety had taken the initiative prior to the Stooges incident to ensure that all College students are being protected. Besides an increased force on the late night and overnight shift, Campus Safety has initiated two new services that the College should be aware of. Started last Friday, an extended shuttle service has been offered. The shuttle runs from Thursday nights through Saturday nights from 9:00 pm until 3:00 am. This shuttle will pick up and drop off any student anywhere on campus or within approximately two miles off campus. The shuttle will be conducted by a driver and accompanied with a security officer through Bear Security. Bear Security officers often supplement the College's Campus Safety officers. Having two people inside the shuttle will allow for more eyes and ears around campus to detect any

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Nuclear Reaction

Like any natural disaster, it's not only the immediate impact that you have to worry about, but also the lasting consequences. The 8.9 earthquake that devastated Japan on Mar. 11 has completely crippled the nation. From the outset, the worry that was broadcast across the world was the effect the disaster would have on the country's main power plant. These ramifications were evident within minutes. While many of the nuclear reactors at Fukushima were able to be contained, this past week the alert level was raised to 7. The last time any nuclear power plant raised its alert that high was the infamous Chernobyl disaster of 1986.

Japanese officials responded to obvious questions of concern over the new crisis assessment levels by insisting that the situation has not worsened beyond the heaviest radiation leaks immediately following the earthquake. Instead, the motive behind the increase stems from the amount of radiation leakage from the crisis exceeding the threshold for a "major accident." Additionally, officials indicate that Chernobyl was a fast-moving crisis where high levels of radiation spewed from reactors for ten days; in Japan, three explosions occurred at the reactors, but technology may have helped contain much of the damage.

Despite Fukushima being thousands of miles away from the United States, there is still panic throughout the nation. Everyday the news stations discuss the effects of airborne radiation drifting overseas. Also, in recent weeks there has also been a scare with dairy products, particularly milk. While the subject of radiation and the harmful effects is of serious concern, there seems to be some dramatization and disagreement over the facts. Scientists sought for their expertise on radiation seem to be pointing out the exaggeration of the facts, citing that there is more radiation in an every day banana.

We are not trying to undermine the effects of radiation or the disaster in Japan, but are trying to point out the absurdity of some media coverage. Instead of focusing on disaster relief efforts, the story of how to avoid radiation dominates the news stations. While there is certainly cause for some concern, more of our focus should be on Japan and what we as a nation can do to help.

Civil disservice

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Last Friday, the country avoided a colossal disaster: a government shutdown. The "representatives" in Washington, supposedly there for their constituents' interests, showed a complete and total contempt for this responsibility. The budget cuts are clearly not about balancing the federal budget. This conclusion was made all the more obvious when the last stumbling block was revealed: abortion. Of course. If this had been about balancing the budget, then why did none of these same Republicans speak up when George W. Bush led the United States into two wars, gave tax breaks to the wealthiest amongst us, and failed to implement proper restrictions on certain businesses that were engaging in less-than-ethical practices?

Millions of people depend on the federal government for support. In Michigan, for instance, the child poverty rate is 19 percent. Many of these children rely on the Head Start Association, a program designed to help children in need succeed in school. The Association currently counts the number of children and families that they represent at approximately 38,000. They provide children with free meals and programs to help them excel in school. Another 23,000 children in Florida depend on the Guardian ad Litem program, whose sole responsibility is to represent the best interests of children who are involved in dependency court proceedings. Programs like these are all around the country. They all depend on government funding to survive. As is, they are already struggling to do their jobs with the limited funds at their disposal. With a government shutdown, barely any of them would have stayed open because these programs are not deemed "essential functions."

Other sectors would have taken hits: civil rights cases halted, health care payments stopped, delayed payment of the Earned Income Tax Credit (the largest government anti-poverty program), the Small Business Administration would no longer issue loans, no enforcement of workplace protections and labor safety, and no enforcement of child support payments. So then why would lawmakers still hold their jobs while all of these people suffer? What about the troops whose families wouldn't have received their earnings on time and would have suffered as a result? The politicians who wear American flag lapel pins and drone on about patriotism would be to blame. Clearly, our representatives in Washington are more concerned with their own well-being than that of their constituents. Unfortunately, being in government is more about doing what is best for you and your friends than about serving the public.

The risk of another nuclear plant



VALERIE PATRIARCA
OP/ED COLUMNIST

With the events in Japan nearing catastrophic measures, a nuclear plant currently being built on the South Carolina coast is coming under heavy criticism. The plant in question aims to "safeguard 43 tons of weapons-grade plutonium" left over from the Cold War, that will be mixed into fuel for commercial power reactors. The plant's purpose was originally devoted to producing plutonium for weapons, but now is being morphed into a peaceful power boosting enterprise. The uranium and the plutonium

would be blended to transform into a new fuel called mixed oxide also known as "mox."

It has been 11 years since the government allowed for the project to begin, and since then a whopping \$5 billion has been spent to build the plant. The amount of concrete and steel necessary for the construction of the plant is costly and yet with all the money soaked up already for the project, the plant is only half completed. Of course alternative energy sources like solar energy projects and wind turbines, have a high initial cost, but \$5 billion for just half of one plant?

The cost of construction is not even the biggest issue. The most significant speed bump, no one wants the fuel! The government has yet to find a buyer, which means they are literally digging themselves a more than \$10 billion dollar hole. With the mayhem in Japan, the continuation of the US plan is coming under heavy fire from critics. Is it worth the risks?

One of the reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi plant uses mox fuel. It has not been proven that the mox containing reactor is releasing dangerous radiation from the plutonium, but the threat of radiation poisoning as a whole is enough to rethink any nuclear plant construction.

The opponents of the plant won a tiny victory the other day when a federal

atomic licensing panel cited "significant public safety and national security issues" and ordered new hearings on the plans for the South Carolina plant's future and safeguarding.

So what are the risks of a nuclear plant? We have seen from past incidents and from the present catastrophe what can happen when a severe accident occurs. But what are the risks in comparison to the popular coal-fired power plant? A majority may quickly respond that nuclear power plants have more of a negative impact than coal-fire power plants because nuclear impacts make headlines. But is this true?

Coal-fire power plants have a severe impact on the ecosystems around them, but it is not a popularized threat to us. Waste created by a typical coal plant includes over 125,000 tons of ash and 193,000 tons of sludge. These wastes are disposed of in landfills and other surface impoundments.

The toxins in the waste do not just sit in confinement when sentenced to a landfill, but they contaminate groundwater, pollute the air, and destroy the environment they are being imprisoned in. One study found that one out of every 100 children who drink groundwater contaminated by arsenic because of coal power plant wastes are at risk of developing cancer.

The effects that coal-power plants

have on the environment are irreversible. 2.2 billion gallons of water cycle through a coal-fired power plant and then are released back into the lakes, rivers, or oceans the water came from.

You may think that it's great they are reusing the water, but this is not the case. The water cycled through the plant is about 25 degrees hotter than the temperature of the water that was originally taken in. This means that the water is much hotter than the reservoir it is being put back into. This causes an extreme environmental impact referred to as, "thermal pollution."

Water is not the only resource that is altered by the plant's thermal exports. Heat produced by burning coal is also wasted. A plant only uses 33% of the coal's heat to produce electricity; the rest of the heat generated is released into the atmosphere, increasing the temperature of the surrounding environment.

On the other hand, nuclear power plants only truly make a negative impact when an accident occurs. The problem is when one does happen, it results in wide-spread catastrophe.

So where do we put our money and effort: into creating more environmentally friendly coal-fire power plants or keeping nuclear power plants safe from accidents?

Do we chance catastrophe or consistently harm our planet?

McDonald's national hire day

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

On Apr. 19, McDonald's plans to hire 50,000 part-time, full-time, long-term, and short-term employees, ranging from restaurant crew to managers, to prepare for the busy summer season. McDonald's held a similar event in its Western region last year; they received more than 60,000 applications for the 13,000 positions. This year the one-day spring hiring spree is aimed at fighting the use of the term "McJob" as shorthand for describing low-wage, dead-end work. McDonald's spokeswoman Ashlee Yingling told Reuters, "Our total hires are similar to past years, but the goal of hiring 50,000 people in one day across the US is unique." McDonald's said in a statement that opportunity to highlight career growth and endless many of McDonald's top worked their way up the as if it is nothing but a ald's to work on their reputation allowing themselves for their usual increase in not everyone thinks this

This year the one-day hire is aimed at fighting the use of "McJob"

its April hiring event is an that "a 'McJob' is one with possibilities." Yingling said executives and franchisees company ranks. This seems harmless way for McDonald's, while at the same the opportunity to prepare summer business. However, way.

Many people believe that this seems to be a Republican-based idea because there have been major cuts to education, so there has to be somewhere for people to work if they are not getting an education. These people also believe that this will spark an increased interest in children to want to work at McDonald's, especially if there is room for advancement with entry level jobs. Also, these people are concerned about this increasing the number of illegal immigrants in the US because this will increase the amount of jobs that illegal immigrants will be able to obtain. However, since this is coming from the same people who are saying that this is a Republican agenda this makes no sense because Republicans are against illegal immigration, so why would they push an agenda that would possibly increase the number of illegal immigrants? Anyone who says that this is a Republican agenda is wrong. It makes absolutely no sense that the Republican Party would want to work with McDonald's for the reasons that these people are saying. A more legitimate argument would be that the Republican Party could be working with McDonald's to help stimulate the economy, but who would not want

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Senior Transitions Week

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This week is Senior Transitions Week, which has been filled with seminars aimed at graduating seniors as we, as seniors, prepare to "leave the Red Doors." Talks about "living on your own" and "your first day at work" have many of us thinking more seriously than ever before about our plans for life after May 22.

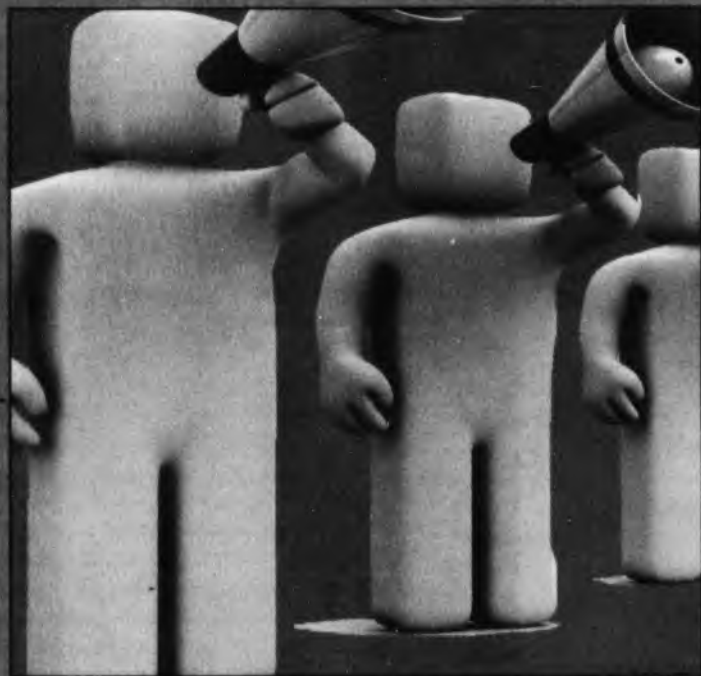
Personally, I always imagined it would go something like this: job interviews, land a job, graduate, start work in the real world. Isn't that how everybody does it?

The answer, thankfully, is a heartfelt no. While there are plenty of those lucky seniors who already have a job, the world will not end for those of us who don't. While it's important to be networking and applying as early as possible, there will still be opportunities that come during summer. The more I talk to seniors and alumni, the more I've realized that there are options out there besides jumping right into a 9 to 5 workday after leaving college.

Two weeks ago, during the Media & Communication department's Alumni Week, I attended a panel entitled "Networking and the Art of the Job Search." After hearing the four alumni talk about the process they each went through to find their first job, I asked what they recommended for that transition period between college and landing that job. I guess I sounded pretty paranoid, since the question launched the room into nervous giggles, but the answers I received did put my mind at ease. Deirdre Macrino Varga, Class of '00, gave an answer that really stuck: she simply said "find something you like to do."

The job hunt can be a frustrating experience, every senior can attest to that. But the time you spend waiting to hear back from places doesn't have to be the most painful, stressful time in your life. It may sound like a no-brainer, but as Macrino Varga recommended: start a hobby, something you've always wanted to learn. Join a gym. Travel. Visit with people you haven't seen in a while. Write a book! Just keep that Blackberry or computer on you at all times and keep networking. You never know when an opportunity will pop up.

Senior Transitions Week continues today and tomorrow with the Senior Fair. The Fair, which lasts from 10am-4pm in the Great Room both days, is for seniors to learn about alumni activities, complete the Career Center's graduate survey, learn who will be giving the last lecture, and *gasp* pick up our cap and gowns. Graduation doesn't get any more real than that!



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The Patriot 2: Babyface attacks

BY JOSHUA CLEMENT
OP/ED WRITER

On April 6 a story broke the news, shattering the calm that had spread across America. Albeit the calm that came from ignoring the unrest across Northern Africa and the possible government shutdown that would have frozen troop funds, the media stood up and noticed when one of the great leaders of our generation announced that he would not be gracing the television screen with his presence anymore. This charismatic and amiable man who is loved across college campuses all over the US is my personal hero in life, and I must give him the proper representation for his final departure, his proverbial television eulogy. My hero, my main man, the one and only, Glenn Beck.

Glenn Beck came onto Fox News in January 2009 and produced one of the most highly watched news programs on television today. This program has been decried as "fear-baiting," and "so dumb that new born babies become dumber by watching it." This is really impressive; as newborn babies have no experiential

information so it is logically impossible for them to become dumber, but somehow the Glenn Beck program creates this phenomenon.

I personally have held this show in the highest regard. Nowhere else could I confirm my strong paranoia of the world ending in the next five days, every five days, and of the insidious nature of the communist/dicatorship/progressivist/catsympathizing nature of our new government. Glenn Beck's program has just had the slight problem of a drop in viewership by 33% and that around 300 sponsors have pulled their advertisements from the program based on principals that they don't support the "conjectures" made by Beck.

The most dispiriting news that has come up recently in the information on the kind of reception that Beck receives in the land of tea and biscuits, Britain. So

many of the sponsors have pulled their advertising that the commercial breaks are filled with dead air. The breaks between the prophetic words from our representation of America abroad are completely silent. The only good news about the sponsors for Beck recently has been the continued increase in the sponsorship of the company Goldline. Gold-

line is famous for its increased value as fear of turmoil in the world goes up. Of course this couldn't possibly be related to Beck's self called "doom bunker" of a show, or even the fact that Beck gets paid by Goldline to appear in their commercials. Thank god there is no conflict of interest here.

Glenn's (Yes we are on first name terms, our friendship was kindled when I introduced Glenn to the wonders of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream) main followers are those of the diverse and multicultural Tea Party; they range

from redneck to white. His peak in popularity came in 2009 when Glenn held his rally, "Restoring Honor," of 1,365.25 people in Hickville, Alabama (note to self: look up rally facts). But Glenn serves a higher purpose than to reach out to the Tea Party; he is an important part of the Fox News agenda, or as more commonly known, the GOP agenda.

Glenn provided a service that none other could provide to Fox News and the GOP party. With his persona being in the spotlight so long and his flame burning so brightly, he made the rest of his fellow conservatives seem moderate in comparison. With Glenn railing about the racism of Obama and the horrors of progressivism (ignoring things such as sanitation, infrastructure, and such), the recent shift away from the center by the GOP "moderates" has been ignored. Glenn will sorely be missed by those who would rather fear than think (aka me) and those who have enjoyed his enigmatic personality. All we can hope for Glenn in the future is that hopefully he will stop crying now. It's about time.

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FROM McDONALD'S | PAGE 3 to stimulate the economy, especially during this slow recovery. Therefore, the Democratic Party would also be on board with McDonald's plan to hire 50,000, so those aforementioned people really have no case that McDonald's plan to hire 50,000 people was a Republican-based idea. In fact, the mere fact that anyone would think that the government would makes cuts to education and then expect their citizens to work at a fast food restaurant is ridiculous because the government is interested in increasing Gross Domestic Product, standard of living, and keeping up with the rest of the world in terms technological advancements, which requires their citizens to be educated. Further, I think

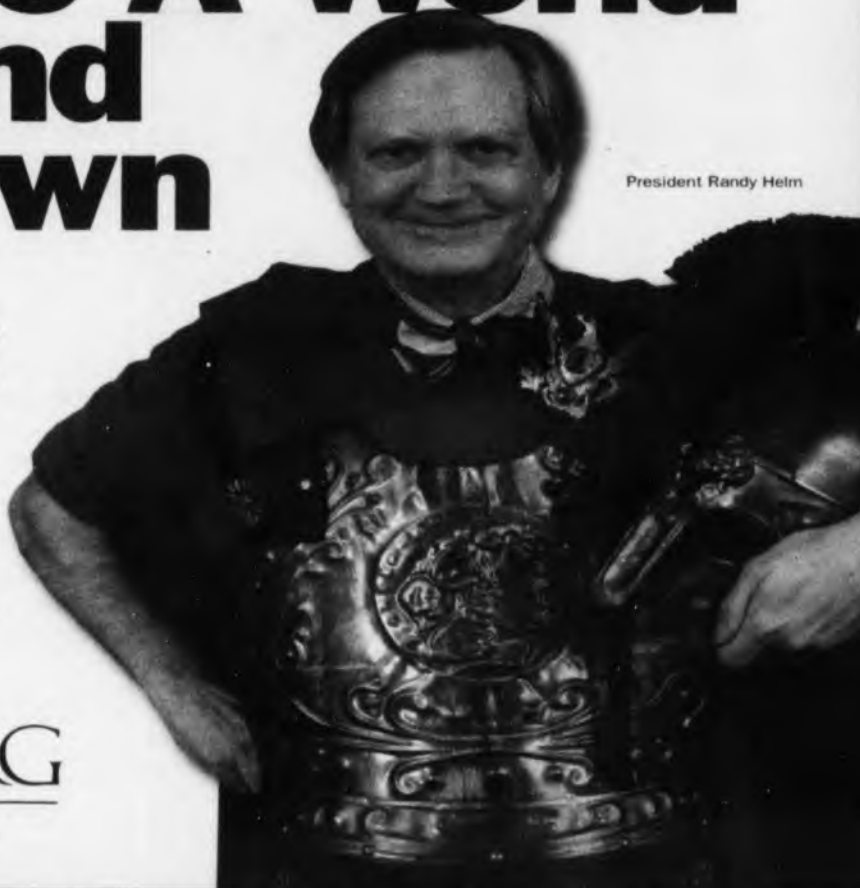
that bringing the influx of illegal immigrants into the equation has potential to be a well constructed argument in opposition to McDonald's hiring 50,000 employees because I could see how United States citizens might think that illegal immigrants could take their job at McDonald's since they would be qualified for it. However, this argument seems ill constructed because one of McDonald's motivators for doing this is to work on their reputation and it would not sense for McDonald's to take any chances with this by hiring illegal immigrants.

Aside from all these rather ignorant comments, I applaud McDonald's on their efforts and think that National Hire Day is a wonderful idea.

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Students present at SRSJ Conference

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 8th annual Social Research Social Justice Conference was held at the College last Thurs., Apr. 7 and Fri., Apr. 8. The conference, which began as a collaboration between students and faculty in the College's Media & Communication department, invites students across the Lehigh Valley to submit papers for presentation. The goal of the conference, as expressed on the SRSJ website, is "to create a forum outside of [students'] classes to discuss issues of social justice in a democratic society."

Every year, the conference is centered around a certain theme and its ties to social justice. This year, the connection between art and justice was examined, particularly through the plenary event held on Thurs. evening entitled "Art as an Instrument of Social Justice."

This talk was led by curator Ellen Frank, Artistic Director and Founder of the Illumination Arts Foundation. In addition to her talk, Frank led a guided tour on Friday of her current show, "Cities of Peace," which is currently on display in the College's Martin Art Gallery. "Cities of Peace" is a tribute to people and places worldwide who have encountered violence, ideological extremism, and man's destructive power. It is a clear exhibition of the overlap between justice and art,

which was further displayed in the student presentations later in the day.

Four separate research sessions were held over the course of the SRSJ conference, and each offered different panels of like-minded presentations. Topics ranged from propaganda in the United States and media interactivity and persuasion to multidisciplinary approaches to criminal justice, engaging Afghanistan, and heteronormativity and sexuality in mind and body.

The conference, which provided student participants with an incredible opportunity to present in front of peers, faculty, and invited guests, included students from Lehigh University, Lafayette College, DeSales University, Cedar Crest College, Kutztown University, Moravian College, and Muhlenberg. Since its inception in 2003, the conference has drawn greater numbers of participants from colleges across the Lehigh Valley region, which has in turn drawn more students to the panels. According to SRSJ co-directors Dr. Kate Ranieri and Dr. Susan Kahlenberg of the Media & Communication department, turnout for the student-led panels was one of the best the conference has seen over the years.

At the conclusion of the conference, participants were invited to complete a survey with feedback and suggestions for next year. Students interested in making suggestions or finding out more about the conference should visit the SRSJ website

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The third Honorary Degree recipient, James B. Stewart, is a Bloomberg Professor of Business and Economic Journalism at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, as well as a member of the Bar of New York. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1988 for Explanatory Journalism for his articles in The Wall Street Journal about the 1987 stock market and insider trading. This work resulted in his best-selling non-fiction book *Den of Thieves*, which narrated the criminal activity of Wall Street arbitrageur Ivan Boesky and junk bond king Michael Milken. In addition to

awards for his other works, Stewart was ranked 21 on Out Magazine's "50 Most Powerful Gay Men and Women in America" in 2007.

Last but not least, celebrated singer/songwriter and social activist, Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul & Mary, will also be awarded an Honorary Degree from the College. In 1963 he participated in the Civil Rights Movement, which led him and his fellow band members to Washington, D.C. to sing for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic march in 1965. Recently, Yarrow has been busy with several personal projects, including advocating for the Hospice Movement. He is a member of the board at the Connecticut Hospice, and for over a decade he has been the voice of their media advocacy. Yarrow often sings for the patients and

staff at the hospice.

In addition, in 1996 Yarrow founded the "Save One Child" Fund at Beth Israel Hospital's Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery. Similarly, through his project Operation Respect: "Don't Laugh at Me", he uses music to build community and foster change in an effort to inspire children and to build safer and more respectful school climates for children.

Honorary Degree recipients will be present at Commencement which will be held on Sun., May 22 at 10:00 a.m. on the Front Lawn of the College. For more information, seniors can inquire at the Senior Fair which takes place today, Apr. 14, and tomorrow, Apr. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Great Room.

Celebrate Earth Day!

In anticipation of Earth Day (4/21) ENACT has arranged "Watts your Bergtricity"- a week of earth-related events. The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday 4/14- 5:30-7:00: BBQ at the Garden House. Bring your own plate/silverware/cups. Please RSVP to Margaret Vallone.
4:30 to 6:30: The Garden House work day

Friday 4/15- 5:15: Sunset Hike at Bear Rocks. Meet at Parents Plaza If you are interested please email Lucas Michelotti ASAP for more details.
10:30 to 2:30: Earth Day and Watts your Bergtricity tabling in Seegers

Saturday 4/16- Lehigh Valley Ecology and Evolution Society meeting.
Come for free presentations on research projects in the Lehigh Valley about Sustainability and Ecology.

Sunday 4/17- Relay for Life!

Monday 4/18- 7:00: Showing of *Dirt! The movie*. in the Red Door. There will be 50 free postcards and 50 free bumper stickers at the movie as well as Sodexo is supplying free "dirt" (chocolate pudding) to everyone!

Tuesday 4/19- 6:30: Eco-Art Craft in Seegers 113

Wednesday 4/20- 11am-5:30pm: EARTH DAY! In Parents Plaza. (The rain location is Miller Forum.)

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suspicious activity. Each shuttle will have access to a phone and a radio in order to convey information as fast as possible, if needed. This extended shuttle service will run through the end of the semester and will then be evaluated for its efficiency. In addition, Campus Safety has restarted the Campus Watch program. With already ten students enrolled, teams of two will walk around campus on foot keeping an eye out for suspicious activity. As with the shuttle, the students will be equipped with a phone and a radio for fast and efficient communication. Not all students enrolled with the program will be patrolling at the same time as they have certain shifts throughout the late night and early morning hours. In addition to Campus Safety's response, Allentown Police has supplemented their patrol of the campus with additional officers.

With all of the assistance from Campus Safety and Allentown Police, every individual must be aware of their surroundings in order to ensure their own safety. Everyone is reminded to keep their doors locked. Everyone should walk in pairs or groups. When walking alone at night, always walk in well-lit areas. When exiting your vehicle make sure that you lock your doors and park in well-lit areas. In addition, you should be aware of the locations of the campus emergency "blue light" telephones. Finally, if you are aware of any information that should be alerted, contact Campus Safety at 484-664-3112 or Allentown Police at 610-437-7751.

With warmer weather and longer days approaching, please keep your security in mind and use the services that are being provided to ensure that the rest of the semester is a safe one.

Your secrets are out

By TAYLOR GOLD
NEWS WRITER

On Wed., Mar. 16 Active Minds presented a gallery located in Seegers 108 with a variety of different secrets that faculty, staff, and students mailed in anonymously. The inspiration came from a project known as "Post Secret" created by Frank Warren, who is known as the most trusted stranger in America. By providing his mailbox address, Warren encouraged people to acknowledge their secrets, write them down and come clean by sharing them. By posting them online and eventually composing books from them, Warren has created his own community where people can view secrets at their own leisure.

Muhlenberg's Active Minds, a very big supporter of Post Secret, also created a book last year of the College's secrets, which is now located in Trexler Library. As the community of the College viewed the gallery in between classes and after dinner hour students responded by saying, "what an amazing idea!" and "I saw all my secrets posted, but I didn't write one of them." This response exemplified the idea that many of us share the same secrets, which brought the College community closer together. This inspirational and intriguing ongoing community art project has become an annual main event for Active Minds. Active Minds would like to extend a special thanks to all those who participated in both writing secrets and viewing them in the Gallery. Look out for more events sponsored by Active Minds, such as Eating Disorder Awareness Week and National Stress Out Day!

Question? Comments? Feel free to come to the Active Minds meetings located in Seegers, Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

TAG day

By KELLY FRAZEE
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Yesterday, Apr. 13 was the day our tuition money ran out and the Muhlenberg Fund kicked in to make up the difference between how much we pay for tuition and how much it actually costs to be a student at the College. The official name for this day is Tuition All Gone Day or TAG Day. The whole purpose of this day is to educate students about the Muhlenberg Fund and how it impacts each and every student on campus. The Muhlenberg Fund is the college's annual unrestricted giving fund, made up of gifts from alumni, parents, and friends of the college. Without the support of these generous people, we would not have free paper in the library printers, sharks to dissect in biology, funds for student clubs, food, and electricity, just to name a few.

TAG Day is the day that our 'Silent Scholarship' takes effect. Yes, every student on campus has one. Tuition only covers 88% of what it costs to actually attend the College and the remaining 12% is subsidized by the Muhlenberg Fund. Not only does this affect every student but 70% of students also receive additional Financial Aid. This is made possible by the Muhlenberg Fund.

Yesterday, the Student Philanthropy Committee put red tags and caution tape on many of the things that we would not have if the Muhlenberg Fund did not exist - the couches in the Light Lounge, printers all over campus, food in the Dining Commons. Their aim was to educate fellow students about the importance of giving back to the College and to foster an appreciation for all of the resources and opportunities that we have here, in hopes that everyone will give back when they are alumni.

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Weekly Through the Ages

Awards, Acres address featured at Convocation

Henry A. Acres, first chancellor of Educational Ventures, Inc. (EVI), the cooperative program between Muhlenberg and Cedar Crest, will deliver the annual Honors Convocation address on Monday.



EVI Chancellor Henry Acres, who will address Honors Convocation.

Eighty-three Muhlenberg undergraduates will be recognized for scholarship and high academic achievement at the traditional convocation program, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the Egner Memorial Chapel. Dr. Morey will preside.

Acres, who assumed the position of chancellor for the innovative EVI program last September, will be introduced by the Rev. Dr. Paul C. Empe, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Presentation of awards for the 1973-74 academic year will be made by Dean Philip B. Secor. Music will be provided by the College Choir under the direction of Dr. Charles S. McClain, head of the music department.

Acres, who was president of the Great Lakes Colleges Association prior to his appointment as chancellor, has served both as consultant and adviser in areas of inter-college cooperation.

In the position of chancellor he is responsible for long range planning for EVI, budget review and recommendations in both academic and administrative areas, recommendation of new programs, and solicitation of supporting funds for EVI.

Women's basketball team to hold games in Memorial Hall next year, Whispell says

by Jeanne Mitman

As of next year, Memorial Hall will be available to the women's basketball team for both practices and games. An editorial on this issue appeared in the March 28 issue of the Weekly.

Raymond Whispell, director of athletics, stated that an agreement to hold the six games in Memorial Hall had been reached early in March.

Whispell refuted the implication in the Weekly editorial that men's intramurals held higher priority than women's varsity. "The proper priorities for the use of any facilities on the Muhlenberg College campus in regard to any facilities we have, physical education is first, inter-collegiate athletics is second, and intramurals is third."

Correction of the situation did not occur sooner because "It was decided not to apply the proper priority system to the total program."

The scheduling of practice sessions for the women's team remains to be solved, but the team will get preference over intramurals.

Because of the greater demand for Memorial Hall, the athletic facilities will have to be used more efficiently. Some events will probably be rescheduled for weekends.

Whispell remarked, "one of the disadvantages of having only one such facility available is that you have got to make better use of the facility at the times that some people simply do not want to use them."

"Some of our intramural schedules may have to be at times that a lot of our people would prefer not to play."

Similarly, the availability of Memorial Hall for outside activities will also be affected, but the details have not yet been worked out.

Nominations and elections for Joint Council offices of President and Secretary-Treasurer will be as follows: April 19-20 — nominations at Union Desk; April 21-28 — campaigning; April 29 — elections at Union Desk.



Women's basketball played in Brown Hall.



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Wolfe depicts counter-culture in humorous but confusing talk

by Joe Hershman

Tom Wolfe entered the Garden Room Tuesday, April 2, wearing a bright white suit, and delivered a somewhat amusing, and at times confusing, speech on social stratification.

Wolfe considers himself primarily a sociologist, although he has had his art works displayed at the Tunnel Gallery in New York and has written several books and articles of interest.

No topic for Wolfe's talk was given, but one of the titles from his books would probably have been accurate. He began by describing the "counter-culture" movement of the late 60's. He said that the movement was "a union of the young, hip, and black to bring about a drastic change and revolution in the United States."

Wolfe went on to mention items which he said were characteristic of the "counter-culture," including the Princeton Commencement of 1970 where students took over Marshall McLuhan's Electric Society, Charles Wright's Greening of America. He also described the changing "older generation," who suddenly grew sideburns to their ear lobes, but no further, and attempts by industry to involve the "counter-culture" in socially accepted capitalism.

Having given this general kind of background information, Wolfe went on to explain the delineation in society between people with college degrees and those without. He began with the concept of a "social map" where one takes an "Esso road map" of an area and colors in the various ethno-social areas, the rest area, in purple, down to the poor area, usually in black. However, Wolfe pointed out that people don't want to be told that they live in the worst area in town, or even the third best. Wolfe described this as a social taboo.

The author then wandered to what he called the "debutante in blue jeans," a rich girl wearing partially faded Levi's and a blue work shirt "unbuttoned to the sternum," with straight, ironed hair. These debs, Wolfe discovered, were more interested in day care centers than dances.

He next spoke of the "sly distinctions" between high school girls who wore bee-hive hairdos whereas the "sigh" girls wore their hair straight, ironed, and parted in the middle. The "greaser" guys wore leather jackets, T-shirts, and D.A.s. The "sigh" males did not have anything really distinctive about them.

Perhaps the most important difference, Wolfe said, was their male parents. The "greaser" fathers were manual laborers, or blue collar workers while the "sigh" fathers were commuter businessmen. He went on to clarify this distinction further. It wasn't only the socio-economic difference, but the fact that the "sigh" fathers had the

youth, particularly in Western Connecticut where he made a study in 1962. He made a distinction between "greasers" and "sighs." They dressed differently, they parked in separate areas, and behaved differently. The "greaser"



Author Tom Wolfe.

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SPE Run-A-Thon raises \$15,000 for valley's crippled children

by Mike Galley

This year Muhlenberg's Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapter and radio station WAEB raised over \$15,000 for the Lehigh Valley Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Seventy brothers and pledges ran 100 miles from Harri burg to Allentown, through rain, snow, and sub-freezing temperatures. The runners left the steps of the State Capitol at 7:30 a.m. on April 6. Lt. Governor Kline was there to see the runners off. The runners ran through Hershey, Reading, and Kutztown on their way to Allentown, where they arrived at 5:30 p.m.

The \$15,000 total reached this year was less than last year's total and was much less than the goal set by the L.V.S.C.C. They were planning to raise around \$25,000.

Most people involved with the project were amazed by the lack of participation by Lehigh Valley residents and businesses.

"We received more publicity in the Reading paper than we did in Allentown's paper," said Rick Slimmer, vice-president of SPE.

The Run-A-Thon received plenty of support from national, state, and local officials including Gov. Milton Shapp, Sen. Richard Schweiker, Sen. Edward Kennedy, Allentown Mayor Daddona, State Sen. Kurt Zwick, and others.

The money will be used by the L.V.S.C.C. to expand existing programs and implement new ones.

SAC proposal is approved

by Ben Howard

College Council has approved Student Affairs Committee (SAC) Proposal for a College Committee on Student Affairs. The decision was made at a regular meeting, April 8, and it now goes to Academic Policy Committee (APC) for consideration.

The SAC proposal provides for a committee composed of four students, four faculty members, and the president, dean of students, chaplain, and one other administrator selected by the president and dean of students.

Each member of the College Committee on Student Affairs (CCSA) would have a vote. However, only faculty members would

be eligible to chair the committee.

The responsibility of the new committee would be to oversee all student organizations, including clubs, fraternities, Student Council, and Student Court.

CCSA would also serve as a forum for discussion of any area of student life. Meetings would be open to anyone. This committee would replace SAC and College Council, although College Council unanimously passed a resolution that it remain at least temporarily.

SAC now consists of two students, four faculty members, and three administrators. Student members have no vote.

College Council consists of five

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 4 - Lost Property - In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a lost iPod.

Apr. 4 - Sick Student - In Trumbower, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 4 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown to whom the item belongs.

Apr. 6 - Check the Welfare - At 2216 Chew St., a student was located and checked on. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 6 - Lost Property - In the Trexler Pavilion, lobby, there was a report of a lost room key. Residential Services was notified.

Apr. 6 - Found Property - In Moyer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found backpack. A

message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 7 - Institutional Vandalism - In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to an exit sign. There are no suspects at this time. A work order was submitted to repair the sign.

Apr. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. Allentown Fire Department responded. The system was silenced and reset.

Apr. 8 - Found Property - In the Trexler Library, there was a report of a found wallet. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 8 - Robbery - On N. Leh St., the campus community should be aware that there was an armed robbery early Friday morning at Leh and Liberty Sts. No one was injured and no

shots were fired. The only descriptions of the suspects thus far are that there was one white male and one black male. Campus Safety will distribute further information about the suspects if it becomes available. Anyone with information please contact Campus Safety at 484-664-3112 or Allentown Police at 610-437-7751.

Apr. 8 - Found Property - In Seegers, there was a report of a found purse. Owner was notified and picked up the item.

Apr. 8 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several cans were found in a room. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the items. The individuals were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2251 Turner St. (building #5, second floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and

reset without further incident.

Apr. 9 - Property Damage - In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of damage to the floor. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 9 - Injured Student - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The individual refused further medical treatment.

Apr. 9 - Sick Student - In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 9 - Larceny/Theft - In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of theft of pedestrian crossing signs. The individuals were spoken to and identified. The signs were returned. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 10 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - At Alpha Chi Omega, there was a report of an alcohol

violation. The student was identified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 10 - Robbery - Off campus, in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, the campus community should know that the Department of Campus Safety and Allentown Police received a report of an armed robbery. The incident occurred at approximately 2:30am on Sunday, April 10 at Stooges Bar at 21st and Liberty Sts. The suspects are described as two black males, wearing black, hoodies, and masks over their faces. The suspect with the handgun was described as 6'4" tall and approximately 240 pounds. No direction of travel was witnessed. Anyone with information please contact Campus Safety at 484-664-3112 or Allentown Police at 610-437-7751. We remind everyone to please keep your doors locked and be aware of your surroundings. When walking alone at night always walk in well-lit areas. When exiting your vehicle make sure you

lock your doors and park in well-lit areas. Always know where your campus emergency phones are located.

Apr. 10 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Apr. 10 - Larceny/Theft - In the East Hall fire lane, there was a report of theft of a bicycle. The item was later found. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 10 - Sick Student - Off campus, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 10 - Property Damage - In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of property damage. Glass was broken to a backboard of a basketball hoop. Plant Operations were notified and cleaned up the glass.

Apr. 10 - Injured Student - In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Decorate Your Own Egg
in the Wood Dining Commons

Tuesday, April 19th
Starting at 4:30pm
While Supplies Last



WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is not measured by the breaths you take,
but by its breathtaking moments."

- Michael Dance

Berg Chillin' Chiddy Bang & Wale pack Memorial Hall for MAC Spring Concert

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA What do chicken wings, Hello Kitty, Co-EDITOR IN CHIEF and Muhlenberg Lacrosse all have in common? They were all things that students challenged hip-hop artist Chiddy of Chiddy Bang to rap about: freestyle. Based on the dim of laughs and cheers from the crowd, he passed the challenge with flying colors.

The Muhlenberg Activities Council for this year's big spring concert brought Chiddy Bang to the College this past Sun., Apr. 10 along with rapper Wale and opener Black Cobain. The concert generated a significant amount of hype, with 810 tickets sold on campus for \$10 each and 75 tickets sold to the general public at \$20 each.

A performance of the hip-hop genre was something fairly new to the College. The past few years have included concerts by bands like Third Eye Blind, Plain White T's, and Gym Class Heroes. The change in genre appeared to be well received by students, which was further supported by the crowd that filled Memorial hall starting at 7pm on Sunday.

"It was great to see such a famous performer at this school," said Chris Galletta, '13. "There was an awesome atmosphere that made it seem like a big concert in someplace like New York City, especially with everyone dancing and throwing their hands in the air."

Chiddy Bang, made up of Chidera "Chiddy" Anamege and Noah "Xaphoon Jones" Berestin, met in 2008 at Drexel University. Their most recent single, "Opposite of Adults," made it into the Top 100 in the United States for the year 2010.

Many students were impressed by all three performances, including opening act and Wale collaborator Black Cobain, but the hit of the night for many students was Chiddy's freestyle. "I thought the music was great, they are all true artists, but especially Chiddy Bang," said Grace Jenkins, '13. "He is a brilliant entertainer, and that freestyle show was amazing!"

Chiddy and Xaphoon took time after the show to meet with students, sign autographs, and take pictures. Before and even during the show, Chiddy Bang and Black Cobain interacted more with students through Twitter.

Wale, who hails from Washington, D.C., is known for his 2009 album *Attention Deficit* and the singles "Pretty Girls" and "Chillin'" featuring Lady Gaga, which was quoted on the backs of all the staff T-shirts worn on the night of the concert.



MAC members with Chiddy Bang members Chiddy and Xaphoon.

PHOTO BY LEE KOLBE

Staff members included members of the Muhlenberg Activities Council, faculty, alumni, and other student volunteers. MAC members in particular, along with advisors Bev MacEwan and Lee Kolbe, have been planning the concert since early last semester. Students broke down into committees of production, ticket sales, and hospitality in order to make the necessary preparations. On the day of the concert, these students spent all day in the Life Sports Center setting up the stage, lighting, and dressing rooms for the performers.

On behalf of MAC, *The Weekly* would like to thank all of these student volunteers for putting together such a successful concert, and all the members of the student body who helped support it by buying tickets. With enthusiasm like we had this year, the College can look forward to more exciting concerts in the years to come!



Wale on stage.

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA



Chiddy Bang had students dancing & singing.

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA



Chiddy and Xaphoon pose for *The Weekly*

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA

A little taste of Italy:

Bravo! Cucina Italiana

BY AVNI MITTAL
LIFE WRITER

So, you're at the Lehigh Valley Mall with your friends and you want to get some food. Yes there is Chinese, pizza, and ice cream, but how about Italian food? Well step into the outside shops and you will see *Bravo!*

Bravo! is an Italian chain restaurant that has great food. The inviting atmosphere is always packed with people enjoying a delicious meal with friends and family. The menu has a variety of Italian dishes from pasta, pizza, and meat along with delicious appetizers.

Whenever I go there with family or friends we always get the Crispy Mozzarella Ravioli, which I strongly recommend as an appetizer. Hearing the name you might think they are like Mozzarella Sticks but the flakiness of the pasta adds a unique taste to the dish. It is important to note that every course has a beautiful presentation as well.

Another appetizer I thoroughly enjoy and highly recommend, especially if you are a mushroom fan, is the Bruschetta with Mushrooms and Boursin. It is similar to tomato bruschetta but instead it is covered with more onions and mushrooms.

All of the entrées are good as well, if you are a pasta fan I have heard the pasta is delicious and the chefs are more than willing to make any changes if you wanted to add or take out anything from the dishes. Pasta Bravo! is a popular dish. It is the signature dish - rigatoni tossed with grilled chicken and mushrooms in roasted red pepper cream sauce. Don't



The Italian cuisine is located at the Lehigh Valley Mall Valley.

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fret if you are not a pasta fan because they also offer variety of entrées that include chicken or fish.

Also of course don't forget dessert! *Bravo!* is known their Torta Di Cioccolata, a rich chocolate cake with a warm center (similar to a soufflé) topped off with vanilla bean gelato. Dessert usually changes by week so definitely check them out because they maybe different from your past experience.

The environment was so welcoming, which is what the Italian restaurant is known to be. Their friendly and accommodating service is always there to help. An example of their hospitality was shown to me last weekend when I went to *Bravo!* with my roommate. When we arrived at the Italian cuisine we were seated at a table that felt small for nine people. Immediately, the manager came out and apologized so many times for the inconvenience and added an extension. It was a very enjoyable night. It was my roommate's aunt's first time at the restaurant and she said she would definitely go back again!

So if you are near the Lehigh Valley Mall or just want to get out for some Italian food you should check out *Bravo!* They have lunch and dinner and reservations are recommended! *Bravo!* is open Sunday through Thursday from 11am to 10pm and Friday through Saturday from 11am to 11pm. To make reservations, call them at 610-226-4050.

Don't wait to make a date at this fabulous cuisine!

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Apr. 14

- 1) Ellen Frank: Cities of Peace in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8:00pm
- 2) Community Garden Workday in the community garden from 4:30pm-6:30pm
- 3) Dance Emerge in the Center for the Arts 1st Floor Dance Studio from 8:00pm-10:00pm

Fri. Apr. 15

- 1) Ellen Frank: Cities of Peace in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8:00pm
- 2) Dance Emerge in the Center for the Arts 1st Floor Dance Studio from 8:00pm-10:00pm
- 3) Student performers in the Red Door from 9:30pm-1:00am

- 4) DZHOPI in the Great Room from 10:00pm-2:00am

Sat. Apr. 9

- 1) Ellen Frank: Cities of Peace in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8:00pm
- 2) Dance Emerge in the Center for the Arts 1st Floor Dance Studio from 8:00pm-10:00pm
- 3) X-Box Ultimate Game Zone in the Red Door from 9:00pm-1:00am

Sun. Apr. 10

- 1) Relay for Life in Scotty Wood Stadium from 10:00am-10:00pm
- 2) Dance Emerge in the Center for the Arts 1st Floor Dance Studio from 2:00pm-4:00pm

A Community Service Opportunity

Date: Saturday April, 30

Place: Camphill Elementary School

Transportation: Levy Bus

Time: 9:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Description: The 2013 Student Council would like to invite you to a community service opportunity.

The Camphill Elementary School was hit by a terrible storm that has left a lot of debris that needs to be cleaned up. We will be picking up and chopping up logs, clearing brush and other maintenance chores.

Ask the Panda Girl: The Weekly's Advice Column



The Panda Girl

Well it's that time of the semester again—time to pick our classes for next term. By the time this issue of the *Weekly* gets out, rising Juniors will have already registered, and all others should already have met with their advisors and have some classes in mind.

I know you all must be getting advice left and right on what to take and what professors to avoid, etc. Forgive me, for I will add yet more to that stack of tid-bits.

1. Don't put off those GARs. Trust me, you do NOT want a senior year in which

you take a bunch of GAR classes that you don't give a hoot about. Not only will it make your senior year less fun, but you could run into trouble getting the requirements you need in time, and senioritis can make keeping up with the classes even harder. Check those bad boys of the list NOW, so you don't have to worry about it later.

2. Look for a topic that interests you, if only slightly. There is nothing worse than sitting in a class listening to a lecture drone on and on about a topic you don't understand or don't care to understand. Check out the course descriptions, and keep your eye out for something you've never considered before. Maybe your interest in science is lacking. Try looking into what many call "baby sciences." They are often on unique topics you haven't ever been exposed to, and can be an interesting and an easier way to get your S than a generic Physics class. Dr. Klem even takes his Biology of the Birds class out on enjoyable bird-watching walks.

3. Draw up a timetable. Use an Excel spreadsheet or just basic pen and paper and block out the chunks of time each class will take. This will help prevent overlap, and let you get a visual on how your weeks will shape up next term.

4. Be realistic. If you know you don't work well in the morning, or are likely to skip early classes, save yourself the hassle and don't sign up for an 8:30am lecture. Be realistic about your own work habits. Are you the type of person that gets into a rhythm? Take classes close together so you don't have big chunks of break time to get out of your thinking zone. Are you someone who likes to have a leisurely lunch with friends? Keep that hour free. Keep in mind who you are. If you sleep until noon

every day, will you really be in any mood to do work in your 9:00am Friday class? Know yourself and schedule accordingly

5. Have a backup plan. Popular classes fill up fast. Don't rely on getting a professor's special permission to take their class. Have two or three different timetables drawn out just in case certain classes are filled up when it's your time to register. Keep an eye on the course schedule as those ahead of your time slot sign up. Also, ask yourself—if that 12:30pm class fills up, would you be willing to go for the 8:30am equivalent?

6. Don't stress too much. Enjoy the gorgeous weather like we had on Monday. Warmer weather is on its way, even if it was chased off for a bit by the lightning and the rain. Don't let the rain get you gloomy!

7. But don't let the sun distract you from the home stretch. Check your mailboxes for the closing time flyer, if you don't believe me. THE END IS NEAR. This is a good thing, but you've got to keep on your toes, my friends.

These tidings of warmer weather means another frightening prospect: swimsuit season is near. It's time to get in gear!

Take advantage of our school's great exercise equipment. Before you know it, you'll have graduated, out in the real world, and have to pay an exorbitant amount for a gym membership. Pop by the Life Sports Center for a run before you head home for the night. Do your reading while you sit on an exercise bike. I personally like to record myself reading things I need to memorize, and then replay them in my headphones while I work out. It's great for monologues, speeches, formulas, and other things you need to be able to regurgitate onto an exam. Kill two birds with one stone! (Oh, don't tell Dr. Klem I said that.)

When the sun returns from the breaks it takes behind the clouds, take your exercise to the grass. Shoot some hoops next to the ML quad, play some ultimate Frisbee on the chapel lawn, or gather a bunch of friends and play Muggle Quidditch in front of Victor's Lament.

We have a beautiful campus with a plethora of opportunities to stay active. Keeping yourself moving and exercising can be a good break from those hours in the library. Studies show that regular blood-pumping fun will actually improve your mood and reduce stress. If you keep on top of your work and stay active, the summer will be ready to greet your beach body and good grades with open arms.

Send your letters for the AskPandaGirl advice column to:
AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or via campus mail box 2072.

Question of the Week

What's your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?



"Stay in bed."
- Jennifer Apple, '12



"Catch up on my TV shows."
- Dave Porrino '11



"Go to the gym and get my
endorphins."
- Francesca Gallo '11



"Splashing in puddles."
- Faith Aronowitz '12

Closing Time

College Housing CLOSES Saturday, May 14th at
10:00 am for Underclassmen!!

College Housing CLOSES Sunday, May 22nd at
6:00 pm for Seniors!!

You MUST Check out with your RA or
use Express Check Out!!

Note: Failure to check out with your RA
or by using Express Check Out means
you forfeit your right to appeal damage
bills.



**22 hr. QUIET HOURS begin
on Thursday, May 5th.**

Daily Courtesy Hours will be 5-6 pm and 10-11 pm.

Please see the flyer in your college mailbox
for detailed information about Express Check

Greek Week 2011: They came, they saw, they conquered!

By TORIE PAONE
& MARISSA SCHAFTMAN
LIFE EDITOR & ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Thurs. Apr. 7 marked the first day of
Greek Week! Sororities and fraternities
teamed up to compete in several events.
Delta Zeta, Theta Nu Xi, and Delta Tau

Delta joined forces. Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Kappa Tau made up another
team. Phi Mu and Alpha Tau Omega combined to establish another team.
Finally, Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon were grouped together.

The first event, Minute to Win It, consisted of seven humorous games
designed to test the obscure skills and wit of each team. Each team consisted of
14 people, seven boys and seven girls. One game, for instance, involved keeping
three balloons airborne for the longest period of time. Another game required
the team members tossing shoes off their feet and having both pairs land right-
side up on the table. It's important to note that though these games might seem
simple, but in actuality they are quite difficult to perform because they have
to be completed in 60 seconds or less. Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Kappa Tau
dominated this event.

On the second day of the competition two events included Ultimate Frisbee
and the Mount Olympus Dance. Phi Mu and Alpha Tau Omega gave it their
all, which resulted in their victory. Later that night, Greek Life invited the
entire school to partake in toga-themed dance. The dance was located in the
Event Space in Seegers Union and raised \$321 to aid the victims of the recent
Allentown Gas Explosion.

The competition got heated on Sat. as the dodgeball and kickball tournament
commenced. These athletic events were very popular because they allowed the
teams to utilize their physical strength, endurance, and team commitment in
order to reach their ultimate goal...Success! Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Kappa
Tau clearly demonstrated their determination because they won both of the
events.

The weekend finally came to an end with the lip sync competition where
each team put their theatrical abilities to the test. Popular songs included *Forget
You* by Cee Lo Green and *Thriller* by Michael Jackson. All of the teams put
immense effort into this event; however, Delta Zeta, Theta Nu Xi, and Delta
Tau Delta proved to be the most creative and entertaining performers.

Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Kappa Tau were the victors of Greek Week!



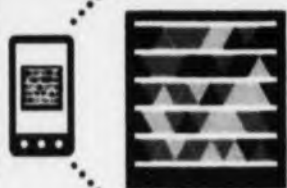
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Lady Mules' victorious over McDaniel

By COURTNEY BROWN
WEEKLY SPORTS EDITOR

On Sat., April 9, Senior Danielle Rosen tallied five goals and two assists to lead the women's lacrosse team (5-6, 1-4) to a 17-6 victory over McDaniel (1-11, 1-6). This was the end of the Mules' six-game losing streak, but more importantly, it was their first Centennial Conference victory of the season.

During the first minute, Junior Angela Napoletano put the first point on the scoreboard. The Green Terror tied it 40 seconds later, but the Mules responded by scoring seven of the next nine goals, which led our team on an 8-0 run that lead into the second half of the game. The eight goals in the first half were from Rosen and Sophomore Alexandra Gabriele.

At the start of the second half, Seniors Maggie Sullivan and Rosen scored 34 seconds apart. The half's opening shots were followed by three more goals in the next nine minutes, more or less sealing their fate as victors.

This was the third time this season that Rosen scored at least five goals and two assists in a game, putting her in third place on Muhlenberg's all-time list.

Napoletano added four goals and two assists, while Sophomore Alex Bellini collected the second hat trick of her career, and Senior Christine Van Hise tallied four assists for the day.

This was the first time that the Mules kept the opposition to fewer than 10 goals since their winning streak at the start of the season. Senior Alyson Vachon, Goalie, who tallied 15 saves for the day, accredited their victory to their team being on the same page. She hopes that a strong defense to support the team's intense offense will be the key to their future successes.

The next time the Lady Mules play will be against Bryn Mawr at Haverford on Saturday, followed by a game against Dickinson on Tues., April 19 at 4:00.



Freshman Defensemen Kaitlyn McCaffrey has been a constant for the Mules.

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Men's lacrosse shuts down Green Terror to snap three-game skid

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Forgive Charlie Helm if his celebration was not quite up to par.

After all, it's been awhile since the senior on the Muhlenberg men's lacrosse team has had to think about what to do after scoring a goal.

So when his second-quarter shot snuck just between the McDaniel goalie and the left post, he simply pumped his fist and hugged three of his teammates.

But that shot, the first point of Helm's Mule career, did more than just snap his scoring drought; it also helped the Mules break their three-game losing streak with an 8-5 win over the Green Terror.

"I'm pretty relieved now that I've had time to think about it," Helm said. "It's been a long time coming, and I'm happy I've finally scored a goal."

"But honestly, at the time, my mind was totally in the game, and I didn't even realize it at first. It was important for us to get out in front early, so I was just glad that I could help us get the lead."

After a scoreless opening 15 minutes, Helm's goal was part of a 4-0 Muhlenberg run to start the second quarter.

Junior Clint Watkins struck first when he closed in on the crease and bounced a shot past the goalie just before receiving a hard check.

Then Helm, sophomore Jack Reilly and senior Brent Siebold scored back-to-back-to-back to give Muhlenberg (4-7, 2-4) a four-goal lead.

"Getting that lead was huge," senior goalie Mike Horowitz, who made 16 saves, said. "It helped us play a lot more relaxed on defense, and we weren't worried about giving up a goal that could cost us the lead."

"We did a good job of communicating, rotating and not giving them easy looks. They had a lot of shots, but most of them were low angles and fairly easy saves for me."

After being held scoreless for more than 29 minutes, McDaniel finally scored its first goal of the game 17 seconds before the half to make it 4-1 at the break.

The Green Terror (5-7, 2-4) seized that momentum and outscored Muhlenberg, 3-2, in the third to stay within striking distance entering the final quarter.

But the Mule defense once again tightened the clamps, and Siebold scored midway through the quarter to stretch the lead back to three.

That would be more than enough for Horowitz and company, which tied its season low for goals allowed.

The win keeps Muhlenberg's CC playoff hopes alive. With a logjam of four teams sitting at 3-2 in the standings, the Mules, currently in a three-way tie for sixth place, could still work their way into the postseason by winning their final two conference games and receiving some help.

But all that was on Helm's mind as he walked off the field, other than the satisfaction of finally getting his first goal as a Mule, was being able to celebrate a win for the first time in two weeks.

"We all knew we've had a lot of close calls this year," Helm said. "So when they got back into the game we got together and told ourselves that we were going to make sure it wouldn't happen again."

"We showed a lot of heart out there today and showed the kind of team we can be. Now we just need to maintain this level of intensity from here on out and make a run."



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Apr. 14 @ Moravian	Apr. 16 @ John Hopkins 10:00
Outdoor Track & Field	Women's Tennis (7-3, 5-2)
Apr. 15 Bucknell Dist. Classic	Apr. 16 @ John Hopkins 10:00
Women's Lacrosse (5-6, 1-4)	
Apr. 16 @ Bryn Mawr 1:00	



The legacy of Bob Knight

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Winston Churchill once remarked that "Russia is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma", and I find that is the perfect description of another quote on quote superpower, Bob Knight. Bob Knight who right now holds the record for most division one college basketball wins at 902 and is also the "mentor" to the man who will pass him next season, Mike Krzyzewski, the coach of Duke, at 900 wins.

Bob Knight started off his coaching career at a middle school and ended it at Texas Tech, but his most important time was the 29 years he spent as head coach at Indiana where he won three national championships. With Jim Calhoun, coach of Connecticut, joining the immortal ranks of college basketball coaches with three or more, the others being Bob Knight with three, Adolph Rupp and Mike Krzyzewski with four, and John Wooden with an unprecedented ten. The question I want to ask is how should Bob Knight be remembered?

For those who are familiar with Bob Knight, he is just as widely known for his acumen as a basketball coach as he is for the controversy's that everlastingly surrounded his career. The balancing act that is summarizing up his career with impartiality is virtually impossible with the amount of contradictory evidence that surrounds those controversies, but controversy aside Bob Knight was one hell of a basketball coach.

Bob Knight is without a doubt a dying breed in coaching across all sports. He would rightfully admit that he would not want to coach in the NBA because of the lack of control he would have over his players (as few coaches do), but the wider problem would be the haughtiness that can unfortunately and undoubtedly be characteristic of the modern day athlete. Now I believe this is a more minor problem and more of a product of the overarching culture that makes up sports today than some may believe. Well where am I going with this, well Bob Knight played college ball himself at Ohio State, and in 1958 he was a freshmen. This begin Knight grew up in a very different world and sports culture and if he was coaching your child today you might think his teaching methods were of an

ancient civilization.

Bob Knight preached discipline, toughness, and preparation in a way we could consider today to be unorthodox to say the least. Bob Knight tested you physically and even more, mentally. When you played for Knight it was either his way or the highway and that might not always fly with today's athlete. This man was a master motivator and was better than anyone at getting the best out the least amount of talent.

Don Haskins the famous college basketball coach at Texas-El Paso said, "His team didn't overachieve. It over, overachieved." That could be said for a lot of Knight's team because Knight was an incredible teacher of the game of basketball. Nobody knew more about basketball than this guy because he studied the game and learned from his predecessors. Not only did he know basketball, but he could teach it too. When I say that no one better prepared for a practice or a game than Bob Knight I mean no one and this was probably because he couldn't bear to lose. Knight was a winner and he had the right mentality to attack and conquer the game of basketball. Bob Knight said of the overstated phenomenon of the will to win, "Most people have the will to win, few have the will to prepare to win."

I think that message right there is what Bob Knight should be remembered for. People always say they want to win and they give it their all, but the person who diligently gives everything they have in preparing for the game, well that's the one who wins more than not. Knight would accept nothing less than the best from his teams, and the players that survived their four years were better for it. The modern athletes today are used to the padding of their ego and are well aware of their own talents (usually overstated), but they don't necessarily all know how to foster a great work ethic and prepare to win. Well Bob Knight would show you how to do this whether or not you wanted to.

Some of Knight's methods may have crossed the line, but when you think back on the legacy of Bob Knight you think, above all else, of discipline, devotion, and success.

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The many reasons why a lockout could be a good thing

By BRIAN BAXTER
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Like many people in America and around the world, I love football. I would obviously hate for there to be a lockout but I thought it may be interesting to look at the possible benefits of having no professional football next year.

The most obvious benefit would be the health and safety of the players. Head, neck, and back injuries have recently become a greater issue in the NFL and obviously a year off could only help guys like wide receiver Austin Collie, who seemingly had a concussion every game this past season. Players coming off serious injuries like the Giants' Steve Smith or DeMeco Ryans of the Texans will have more time to heal. So from a health standpoint, no football could definitely be a good thing.

PETA would probably be very excited if the season is cancelled and not just because Michael Vick would be out of job. I've read it takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a season's supply of footballs. Also, the amount of chicken wings, burgers, hot dogs, and other "football foods" that are consumed every football season would decrease and that would mean a lot more animals will keep their lives.

I can't find the statistics, but I am sure drunken driving numbers would probably decrease. I have seen people at football games get in their car and drive after consuming too much alcohol. Also, there have been stories about all the terrible

things drunks have done either at the stadium or on their way home and that would obviously not happen if the games are cancelled next year. It's not only the players that get hurt during the games but fans who are hurt by other disorderly fans. Last season a drunk Cleveland Browns fan tackled an eight-year-old Jets fan after a Browns loss.

No football will not only cut down on the fighting and drinking vices so many people have, but also the gambling. If you're a hardcore gambler you will always find something to bet on, but for some casual gamblers a lockout may save them some money.

People will also have more time to sleep, study, and spend time with their families. My grades always seem to be worse in the fall than the spring semester and I suspect spending all of Sunday and Monday nights watching football instead of studying could be a reason. If there isn't football to watch all Sunday, people will focus on more important things. Also, instead of staying up late to see the end of that Sunday or Monday night game, more people will be awake for class and work the next morning.

Wow, so it seems less people will be injured, more animals will be alive, criminal activity will decline as will fighting/drinking, and we will be smarter and sleep better. Given all of that (assumed) information...I still hope there is football next fall. And so do you. Be honest with yourself!



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Sat. 4/9 vs. McDaniel

W 7-2

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Women's Tennis: Hot on the court; chill off the court

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
WEEKLY OP/ED EDITOR

Senior Danielle Winston of Muhlenberg Women's Tennis (7-3, 5-2) is a prankster. If you need further proof of this, ask head coach Linda Andrews. Coach Andrews received an email from what seemed to be the email address of the Washington College tennis team's head coach. Unbeknownst to Andrews, Seniors Caitie Druker, Lindsay Schmidt, Sara Sutker, and Danielle Winston were messing with her. The general idea of the email was this: Coach Andrews was to write a personal poem which she was then to present before the match Apr. 2.

"The April Fool prank was the biggest surprise ever," Coach Andrews said later. "I was shocked when the truth was finally told on the way to the match."

This type of looseness and ability to laugh at and with each other has created a team unlike any other on campus. Furthermore, it shoes on the court. In a sport that can only have as many as two players of a team on the court at a time, it'd seem like the women's tennis squad would be fractured. However, this perception couldn't be further from reality. The team frequently hangs out together and eats together and they always support each other on game day.

This has led the team to have an interesting season. Their games are never close. They either dominate or struggle; win big or lose big. It's as if their matches weren't sequestered and rather were played on the same court with one ball.

"I am very sad to see the seniors graduate because they have been a big part of my life for four years," Coach Andrews concluded. "This team is a very close team and the seniors have been good mentors. We have a good team and I am proud of them on and off the court."

Lately, with the exception of a hiccup against Washington College, the Mules have been on a tear. They have won five of their last six: 9-0, 8-1, 9-0, 7-2, and 9-0.

Last Tuesday, the Mules beat Haverford (12-2, 5-2) in a match that lasted more than six hours, ending finally at 10:30. After doubles concluded, the Mules were down by 1, however the swept singles, completing the 7-2 win. Freshman Nina

Sanders set the tone, winning the first singles handedly, after winning No. 3 doubles with classmate Emily Szulman without dropping a game.

Winston won the clinching game in front of her mother, who had flown in from Wisconsin as a surprise for Winston's birthday.

The team lengthened their streak at home against McDaniel outside on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, winning 9-0. The victory was the 12th year in a row that the Mules have beaten the Green Terror. Three Mules won, 6-0, 6-0: Senior Sara Sutker, taking a turn at No. 1 singles, recorded a 6-0, 6-0 win, as did Freshman Lauren Zakheim at No. 4 and sophomore Amanda von Taube at No. 5. In the remaining seven matches, the Mules lost only four games.

The Mules are in a three way tie for third, so every remaining match is crucial. The Mules have three more matches in conference: Wed. at Ursinus (4-9, 0-6), Sat. at Johns Hopkins (10-1, 7-0), and next Tues. at home against Dickinson (6-6, 4-3). Their last match is Wed., April 20, at TCNJ (11-2), which isn't in the CC.



Freshman Nina Sanders has ten wins this season, counting both her single and double wins.

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The True Cost of the Lockout

BY JEREMY FUCHS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The NFL is currently in the midst a lockout. If no agreement is reached between the players and owners before the season starts, there will be no football. A sad fact, to say the least.

While there are numerous reasons as to why the NFL is currently locked out, the core issue is this: money. Owners want more, players want more, and no one is willing to settle.

Revenue sharing, the idea that owners will give some of their profits to the players, is used in many sports, even in football. Owners now take 70% of their profits, while players receive 30%. While there are plenty of players who are paid handsomely, the majority of players are on the roster bubble, fighting for the livelihood.

Owners do not want to give up their profits. Which is understandable. However, there needs to be a balance. Players need to get paid. Owners, who are millionaires to begin with, can afford to give up some profits in the sake of playing the game.

Greed is at the heart of this. Owners want to increase revenue at any cost. They are willing to play 18 games, risk injuries for their players, all in the name of money. They are not willing to help pay for retired players health insurance. Money reigns supreme.

The players, perhaps rightfully so, are feeling left

out. They are asking for a little bit more of the revenue pie. Maybe 10% more. Not a big jump. Owners are still going to get their money. The players just want a little more.

However, while money is at the heart of this, another issue is at hand: The fans. Fans are the main reason that the owners are making these insane profits. Fans show up, pay for concessions, pay for merchandise, and effectively mortgage their future for season tickets.

Every Sunday, at any bar in America, people gather. Drinks, wings, friends and football. It's a Sunday tradition. It promotes bonding. We talk about football with people we would never normally talk to. We commiserate with our fellow fans, taunt our rivals, and celebrate together.

Football is not only economic, it is cultural. Like soccer in Europe, football is more than a sport. It is a cultural experience. It's a place to bond.

We look to football as an escape from our troubles. For three hours on Sunday, win or lose, we can forget about whatever is troubling us, and focus on a game. While it is just a game, it is not treated as such. It's a religious experience. We pray for that field goal to in. Pray for a win.

Yet now, there is no football. No escape. No cultural bonding. No wings on Sunday. While the owners are looking for a few million more to stuff their already full pockets with, while the players are looking for

a boost, the fans are suffering. People are suffering. Stadium workers will be laid off. Team employees are being laid off. The bar owner will suffer. Without his Sunday profits, his business might not be the same.

Yet, the owners are still making money. Even if there is a lockout, they will receive television profits. They don't have to pay as many employees. They gain financially from a lockout. They are the only group to do so.

Instead of putting aside greed for the good of the game, owners are letting the almighty dollar blind their common sense. Money is great. How much money can a person make? For these owners, it's more than a person can spend. Their seeking of just a little bit more profit is perfectly natural. It's just not right.

We rely on football. We anxiously await Sundays. We listen to talk radio throughout the week, read articles and blogs, and discuss it with friends. The only thing people are discussing is legal mumbo jumbo.

The fate of football is currently being decided in a courtroom. Not on the field. And with no fan input. This is not a democratic process. Consent is not being asked by the fans. We are, instead, forced to hope that these owners come to their senses, realize that just a few more dollars is really not worth it, and football will be played again. Until then, greedball has taken over for football. And to be honest, it's a damn shame.

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2011 Relay for Life

BY SAMANTHA LANGNER
NEWS WRITER

This past Sunday on Apr. 17 the College, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society and Colleges against Cancer (CAC), hosted their sixth annual Relay for Life event at the Scotty Wood Stadium. The process began during the fall semester with the formation of different committees responsible for planning and organizing the event. The committees, comprised of CAC participants as well as other members of the College, included: Refreshments, decorations, fundraising, etc. Kelly Frazee '11, Co-chair of Relay for Life, remarked: "out of the four years here that I've had something to do with planning Relay, this year was by far the least stressful. The dedicated committee members this year really stepped up, took direction well, and more than fulfilled their responsibilities. The way that everyone worked together was absolutely perfect and I couldn't be happier!"

The event began with the opening ceremony, which honored cancer survivors with the Survivor lap. Following the ceremony, a cappella groups such as the Girls Next Door, The Chaimonics, and The Dynamics. The rest of the entertainment included InAcchord, Noteworthy, Ellen Zahniser and many more great performances. At 4:00 pm the Fight Back Ceremony began. This ceremony is intended to motivate people to fight against cancer. Rachel Kramer '13 was diagnosed with thyroid cancer at the age of 14. She shared her experience during the ceremony: "I got involved with relay my freshman year of high school because it was huge in my town and it was an extremely emotional and moving experience. We raised over \$100,000 my freshman year, which inspired me to continue to be involved with Relay for Life". In addition, throughout this ceremony Chairs of Relay for Life



Relay participants tie-dye shirts

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urged everyone to try to save a life by helping a loved one to stop drinking or smoking.

The next major event of Relay for Life was Luminaria. During this ceremony Blythe Duckett and Hallie Boviard shared their very emotional experiences with cancer. Kelly Frazee '11 comments, "My favorite part was the Luminaria ceremony. That's always my favorite part. While it's a very tearful and reflective ceremony, it really exemplifies why everyone Relay's and shows what unites everyone to fight for this cause".

Following Luminaria, the Closing Ceremony began. The Closing Ceremony ended the event on a positive note with the announcement of the raffle winners and fundraising totals. At this time

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NCORE announces its 2011 team

BY ROBIN RILEY-CASEY
DIRECTOR OF MULTICULTURAL LIFE

The National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) will be held May 31-June 4 in San Francisco, CA. The goals of the Conference are to exchange comprehensive information and strategies, which can be used to develop cross-cultural communication, diverse pedagogies, and inclusive intellectual communities. NCORE is the leading "forum on issues of race and ethnicity in American Higher Education." However, all areas of difference are deliberated to include diversity of sexuality, social class and ability.

A team of students, staff, and faculty are assembled, at numerous campuses, to represent their College at the Conference. The team design is meant to forge positive relationships via honest communication about difference. Students apply to attend the conference by submitting a resume and two letters of recommendation. The documents are evaluated to determine which students meet requirements for

participation in NCORE's student leadership program.

In 2009 Muhlenberg sent its first team:

Students: Melinda Ramirez '10, Barry Cleckley '12, Kamila Jacobs '12 (NCORE Scholarship Recipients), Demetrai Tate '10, and Tuyen Nguyen '10

Ms. Jacobs shares her reasons for attending NCORE:

"I decided to participate because I knew that a great group of students would be brought together to leave the 'Muhlenberg bubble' and bring back new skills and techniques on how to approach issues of race, ethnicity, multiculturalism, and diversity."

Staff: Cynthia Amaya-Santiago and Robin Riley-Casey;

Faculty: Kate Richmond and Brian Mello

In the words of Dr. Brian Mello:

"...there was something special about the ability of students, faculty, and staff to be together off campus; to share in a common experience; to share perceptions and understandings of concerns over race and ethnicity at Muhlenberg."

Through the support of Student Body Government, Admissions, Community Service and Civic Engagement, Residential Life, The Provost's Office, and the Dean of Students, I am proud to announce Muhlenberg College NCORE Team 2011:

Students: Kadeem Alston-Roman '12 (NCORE Scholarship Recipient), Kaylee Christ '12, Charles Lindquist '14, Nahsalys Rodriguez '13 (MC Scholar), Samantha Ramos '14 (MC Scholar), Victor Taiwo '12 (MC Scholar), Zaraya Wade '13 (MC Scholar)

Staff: Cynthia Amaya-Santiago and Robin Riley-Casey;

Faculty: Matthew Dohn and Kim Gallon

The team will return to campus as ambassadors for Multicultural Life; sharing with the College Community all that they have learned. It is the hope of the participants to provide diverse programming for the 2011-2012 academic year. Check out the Multicultural Life's website for a list of events in the coming year and our honor roll for 2011.

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Easter break top ten

1. First things first - get out of the Lehigh Valley (aka the allergy capital of the world) and remember what it's like to breathe normally.
2. Sleep. Your parents make want to take you to the doctor for a mononucleosis test, but try to make them understand the sleep deprivation that is college.
3. We know it sounds like a pain worse than death, but you really should get some homework done. If Allentown, Pennsylvania decides to remember it's not Seattle, Washington, you're probably going to want to spend the rest of the semester outside with friends.
4. Everyone knows how much the Easter Bunny loves bringing candy. If you're looking for some ill-advised fun, try blowing up Peeps in the microwave. (Note: We do not condone improper use of kitchen appliances, but should your mother get a bit angry, it's always best to blame the mess on your little brother).
5. Go on an Easter Egg Hunt! Just remember not to body-check your siblings in the race to find the most eggs. (Some of us are still nursing bruises from last year...).
6. Spend time with your family. Regardless of your religious preferences, this week everyone is eating dinner with loved ones. (Hint: It's always advisable to wear larger clothing when you about to consume massive amounts of food).
7. We all know that everyone is too busy to watch TV while at school, so take these few days to catch up on all the makeups and breakups of Gossip Girl, the hilarity of How I Met Your Mother, or find who's still in the running to be the next American Idol.
8. Try to finalize your summer plans, whether it's finding an internship or taking a job at the t-shirt shop while The Situation and Snooki fist-pump in Italy.
9. Seniors, try to reconnect with all those forgotten friendships of your high school years. If you're like most of us, you'll be living in your parent's house in the weeks immediately following graduation and will want some interaction with people your own age.
10. Don't forget to bring back spring and summer clothes. Maybe if we all pretend it's summer, Mother Nature will be fooled into providing us with warmer weather for the remainder of the semester.

Aborted run

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

Seldom do I find myself feeling the urge to pray, but this afternoon I found myself on bended knee praying to every deity I could think of. The reason: Donald Trump. My plea was relatively simple: please don't let "the Donald" be president. A few days ago, Trump had a lengthy interview with NBC's Savannah Guthrie. His answers left me confused, and worried that someone out there would actually vote for him.

Here is a portion of the interview taken from MSNBC.com:

"When pressed to explain how his position on the right to privacy 'squares' with his anti-abortion position, Trump responded: 'Well, that's a pretty strange way of getting to pro-life. I mean, it's a very unique way of asking about pro-life. What does that have to do with privacy? How are you equating pro-life with privacy?'"

"Guthrie asked, 'Well, you know about the Roe v. Wade decision.' Trump responded, 'yes, right, sure. Look, I am pro-life. I've said it. I'm very strong there.'"

Not a very comforting response from someone who wants to be the president. His ignorance of the Supreme Court's decision was reminiscent of Sarah Palin's during the last presidential election cycle. Yet, Trump still thinks he's qualified to run for president in 2012. "I think I'm presidential. I think I have a very high aptitude and I think I was at the best schools and always did good," he said. He also referenced the amount of money he has, and how he has more than any other candidate (he specifically called out Mitt Romney), suggesting that it qualified him for the presidency.

As for the first claim, I don't think that doing "good" in school is enough. Plus, going to the best schools? First, Obama went to Harvard - a name amongst those synonymous with good education. But, more important is his elitist attitude, which is underlined by his stress on money. Both of these notions seem completely outdated. Given the recent economic struggles and the fact that all those men who are responsible for the collapse were also rich doesn't bode well for the claim by Trump. I would argue that being a rich guy from New York makes you more suspect to many people now than ever before, but that's just an unfounded generalization.

I'll put my personal politics aside. If you've ever watched *Apprentice* or *Celebrity Apprentice*, there is no way that you can look at this guy and come to the conclusion that he makes good choices in personnel.

Does America agree with me? In a recent poll by the Washington Times, 49% said they would vote for Trump. Please no.

"Well, that's a pretty strange way of getting to pro-life".

Jobs seniors should aim for



VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

The class of 2011 is graduating in a month, which for seniors can be a very daunting thought. Most of us have spent the past few months wondering what the heck is going to come next? Where we're going to live? How many more months will I have to relentlessly apply for jobs before I actually land one?

We will all get that big job eventually, but the jobs that are in demand right now do not mean they are necessarily the best jobs.

By compiling criteria like salary, working environment, physical demand, stress, etc. CareerCast has come up with the Best Jobs in America for 2011, and here is the countdown:

10. Dental Hygienist:

Average Salary: \$67,107

The criteria this occupation scored most for was 'Low Stress'. Becoming a dental hygienist does not require a significant amount of education. For those of you who have ever thought of becoming a doctor but were stopped by the time and money you would have to put in to it, then here is a great alternative. Dental hygienists are in high demand! No mid-life crisis, no holding off your life for your career! In this position you can actually make your cake and eat it too!

9. Audiologist

Average Salary: \$63,144

This is another job that has a very low stress rating. Audiologists diagnose and treat hearing problems and guess what? Because the baby boomer generation is hitting their 60s, hearing problems have skyrocketed. The field is seeing high demand with positions available virtually everywhere. Again, for the doctor wanna-be's this no blood, zero stress job may just be for you.

8. Historian

Average Salary: \$63,208

Colleges are not the only places look-

ing for historians, now the government and other organizations are eagerly looking for well-educated historians as well. For example, the government "hired a dozen historians to research artifacts lost by Jews in Europe during World War 2," to help them learn from past mistakes... with that being said it seems the government is in need of more historians then currently have on staff. The demand has increased the salary, which has made this field one of the top ten best jobs across the nation.

7. Biologist

Average Salary: \$74,278

We need to find alternative energy, and according to this study, the demand for new science has increased the hiring outlook for Biologists this year. With the recent spike in gas prices its no surprise we have turned our focus toward trying to find other resources to live on.

6. Meteorologist

Average Salary: \$85,210

One of its first times on the list, Meteorologist has jumped 6 spots in order to claim this position. The surprising increase in demand for this position can apparently be blamed on private companies hiring their own meteorologists. This job may not be the least stressful or have the best working environment, but it is hiring and pays extremely well. You certainly would not be bored if you were

pursue this field.

5. Computer System Analyst

Average Salary: \$77,153

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4. Statistician

Average Salary: \$73,208

Fewer people are pursuing this career than in the past, therefore the hiring outlook has increased drastically. Many companies, like banks, are looking for statisticians to analyze and interpret statistics. And with the market as volatile as it is, this position gets more important by the day.

3. Actuary

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President Randy Helm

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mine the probability of these events for insurance companies. People in this profession have control

over their day-to-day lives, they mostly work on their own time, and there aren't any tight deadlines... What more could you ask for?

2. Mathematician

Average Salary: \$94,178

Math certainly is not the most loved subject to many of us, but for those who excel in it, becoming a Mathematician is certainly a nice option to have. With an average salary nearing \$100,000, why not look into it? The education curriculum is moving towards a math and science focus, which has opened up a hole for mathematicians, "Opportunities have opened up like crazy across all sectors."

1. Software Engineer

Average Salary: \$87,140

Proving that technology is no joke, this year's top job is Software Engineer! Maintaining and managing software systems is a major part of making everything around us work, and you can make a pretty penny helping the system function. Most major companies are looking for these engineers and with the recent boom in technology these positions are readily available, Come and Get'em!



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Active Minds promotes mental health awareness during National Stress Out Day

BY JAKE KREEGER
NEWS WRITER

Cramming for finals is practically inevitable. Even if you've gone to class and taken notes, you haven't exactly been studying the material every weekend. Your heart starts pounding just thinking about essay questions. You worry that you'll get sick from stress.

Taking care of your mental health is just as important as taking care of your grades, which is why Active Minds, Anxiety Disorders Association of America and OCD Chicago, with support from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, are sponsoring National Stress Out Day to provide pre-finals stress relief and educate students about the difference between everyday anxiety and an anxiety disorder or other mental illness.

On April 29 at 2:00 pm in the East Quad, Active Minds, the College's Office of Residential Services, and Office for Student Life will be hosting Muhlenberg's Third Annual National Stress-Out Day/ East Fest. Bands, singers, moon bounces, a rock wall, a game truck, and carnival food will be available until 7:00 pm. Booths with information on mental wellness and preventative measures for those in need will also be provided.

This year's theme is "Laugh More." Laughter has been proven to help reduce stress, improve mood, boost one's immune system, improve health, increase alertness and memory, and facilitate social relationships. Active Minds will be encouraging

students to take some time out to laugh as a way to promote well-being in the midst of finals.

Active Minds will also, however, be reminding students that sometimes something more serious is going on and laughter is not enough. Anxiety disorders are real, serious mental health disorders that can significantly interfere with one's life.

They impact many students on campus. Forty million US adults suffer from an anxiety disorder, and 75% of them experience their first episode of anxiety by age 22. The good news is that treatment is available and can help.

Though not all students experience anxiety disorders, recent national data from the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA indicate that college students' emotional health is at record low levels.

According to a 2009 survey by the American College Health Association 46% of college students said they felt "things were hopeless" at least once in the previous 12 months, and nearly a third had been so depressed that it was difficult to function.

National Stress Out Day exists to open a dialogue about mental health and help all students recognize and take care of their mental health during the stressful period at the end of the semester.

The Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA indicate that college students' emotional health is at record low levels

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sun, then turning cloudy	T-storm; warmer	Cloudy with a chance of rain
High: 58 Low: 39	High: 65 Low: 49	High: 68 Low: 50

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the Chairs of Relay for Life announced that there were over 500 participants, 55 teams, and a grand total of \$45,700, which exceeded their fundraising goals. Lauren O'Donnell '11, Relay Chair, comments, "My favorite part of Relay was the end, when we announced our grand total. We really wanted to exceed our goal this year, and we did! It gave us a huge sense of accomplishment at the end of a very very long day".

Following Relay for Life, Kelly Frazee '11 and Lauren O'Donnell '11 sat down for an interview:

Weekly: What was the hardest or biggest challenge with planning Relay?

Lauren O'Donnell: The biggest challenge is probably recruitment. It takes a lot to get the word out on campus and get people to actually register. But we had a great turnout this year, we had a ton of different clubs and organizations make teams, so I was really happy with our efforts to recruit everyone on campus.

Kelly Frazee: Honestly, out of the four years here that I've had something to do with planning Relay, this year was by far the least stressful. The dedicated committee members this year really stepped up, took direction well, and more than fulfilled their responsibilities. The way that everyone worked together was absolutely perfect and I couldn't be happier!

W: Did the event live up to your expectations?

LO: It did live up to my expectations. I've been doing this for four years, and I really wanted my last Relay to be memorable. I thought it was a great success in terms of people coming out, the money we raised, and just how the whole day turned out in general.

KF: Absolutely! We broke our goal of \$45,000 and everyone who participated definitely seemed like they were having fun!

W: What do you think makes Relay so successful on the campus?

LO: Cancer is something that has unfortunately affected everyone in some way. I think it means a lot to people to be able to honor those that they've lost, those who are fighting, and those who are survivors, because I think the majority of people

know someone who falls into those categories. Raising awareness and fundraising is so important in the fight against cancer, and it is clear that this campus understands this as well.

KF: I think its the support everyone has for each other. Everyone has been affected by cancer in some way, shape, or form and I think that's what drives people to the event. People want to honor and remember the people they care about and fight back so that what happened to their loves ones some day doesn't happen to anyone else.

W: Why/ How did you get so involved with Relay?

LO: When I was in high school, my aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer. She fought a long, hard battle, but she eventually passed away. When I came to Muhlenberg and heard about Colleges Against Cancer, I knew it was something that I wanted to be involved in. I experienced how hard it was to watch a loved one go through that, and I decided that I wanted to help, even if it was in a small way, so that no other families would have to go through what mine did. Throughout college, there have been other people in my life who have been affected by cancer as well, which strengthened my will to fight for this cause. This Relay was particularly emotional for me because my grandfather died of cancer very recently. I Relayed in memory of him in particular this year, and I really hope that someday soon, no one else will ever have to hear the words "you have cancer."

KF: I got involved with Relay in high school just because I thought it was a good cause. I did not have any personal connection until my grandmother got diagnosed with cancer during the fall of my freshman year, and passed away fall of my sophomore year. After that I had a whole new reason to Relay and I knew that I wanted to get even more involved.

W: If you could, what would you change looking back on it?

KF: Looking back, I would have liked to start fundraising earlier (like in September). I also would have liked to had a fall kick-off event to get the school informed about Relay right from the start of the year. Relay 2011 was beyond successful but like any event, there is always something that could be done better for next year.



Meg Falasco '13 and Lily Dwoskin '13

walk in support of CAC

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 11 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and picked up the wallet.

Apr. 11 – Suspicious Person – In Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of a suspicious person. The individual was identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Apr. 11 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found wallet and room key. A message was left for the owner to pick up the items at the Campus Safety office. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 11 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found wallet and room key. A message was left with the owner to pick up the items at the Campus Safety office. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 11 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of vandalism. An unknown person punched a hole in a wall and damaged the paper towel dispenser. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 11 – Point of Information – Off campus, there was a report of vandalism to a fence. Three sections of the fence were broken. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 11 – Found Property – In Moyer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 11 – Found Property – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found bicycle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The bicycle was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 11 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Apr. 11 – Institutional Vandalism – In East Hall (F Block, basement), there was a report of vandalism. A window was broken. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to repair the window.

Apr. 11 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found athletic bag and radio. The items were placed in the lost and found

locker and later retrieved by the owner.

Apr. 12 – Suspicious Person – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a suspicious person. The individual was identified and told to leave the area. There was no further incident.

Apr. 12 – Pedestrian Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of a pedestrian struck by a golf cart. The individual who was struck left the scene without being identified. There was no further incident.

Apr. 13 – Larceny/Theft from Vehicle – On N. 26th St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. Windows were smashed. There are no suspects at this time. An iPod and GPS were stolen from the vehicle.

Apr. 13 – Check the Welfare/Locate – On campus, there was a report to check the welfare of a student. Allentown Police Department responded. The student was located and there was no further incident.

Apr. 13 – Found Property – Off campus, there was a report of a found driver's license. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Apr. 13 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner picked up the item.

Apr. 14 – Suspicious Person – On N. Leh St., there was a report of suspicious males. Allentown Police Department responded. Non-student juveniles were taken into custody. There was no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Apr. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Haas College Center, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Found Property – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found ID card. The

owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 14 – Robbery – On Chew St., there was a report of an attempted armed robbery on the corner of 20th and Chew Sts. Allentown Police Department and Campus Safety responded immediately and the suspect was apprehended. Campus Safety urges everyone to continue to be alert and apply those safety precautions that you have been told over the past few days. Report immediately any suspicious activity to Campus Safety or the Allentown Police Department.

Apr. 14 – Suspicious Activity – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of suspicious activity. Upon officers' arrival the



individual was identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon officers' arrival the student was located and spoken to. Residential Services also responded to the scene and spoke to the individual.

Apr. 15 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found camera. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 15 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of theft of food from a cooler. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 15 – Freshman with Auto – In the Walz/Brown North parking lots, there was a report of an illegally parked vehicle that was not registered and had

numerous tickets. The vehicle was booted. The boot was later removed after the owner was identified and arrangements were made with the Controllers' Office.

Apr. 15 – Larceny/Theft – At 2263 Turner St. (building #2, second floor), there was a report of a possible theft of College banners. Upon further investigation it was discovered that the student was allowed to borrow the banners. There was no further incident.

Apr. 15 – Fire/Safety Violation – At 2263 Turner St. (building #2, first floor), while performing room checks for Easter Break, it was noticed that several burnt candles and partially filled bottles of wine were in the room. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be sent to the resident.

Apr. 15 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 318 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 16 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – On N. Leh St., there was a report of vandalism to a door at an off campus location. Allentown Police cited a student for Criminal Mischief for damage to the door.

Apr. 16 – Vehicle Violation (Excessive Speed) – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a speeding vehicle. Allentown Police responded. The vehicle left the area. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 16 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was notified and will pick up the item at Campus Safety. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 16 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 17 – Disorderly Conduct

– On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded and spoke with the residents. Allentown Police will issue a sweep ticket to residents for loud music. Muhlenberg College will issue a Disruptive Conduct Report. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 17 – Injured Students – At 318 Albright St., there was a report of an injured student. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 17 – Larceny/Theft – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of theft of a bicycle rack. The individuals were seen carrying a bike rack. They dropped the item when spotted by Campus Safety officers. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 17 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 17 – Hit and Run – On Chew St., there was a report of a hit and run. Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown Police took the individuals, non-students, into custody. There was no further incident.

Apr. 17 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a report of theft of a street barricade from an off campus location. A Campus Safety officer attempted to contact the student involved. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 17 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and claimed the wallet.

Apr. 17 – Institutional Vandalism – At the Hillcrest House, there was a report of vandalism to cement pillars. Campus Safety officers spoke with the students who stated the cement was used to hold down material for painting due to the wind. No vandalism occurred.

Apr. 17 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost laptop.

Apr. 17 – Larceny/Theft – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a stolen key. The key was later returned to the individual. The investigation will continue.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Even a happy life cannot be measured without a level of darkness."

- Carl Jung

History and gender are up for grabs in Muhlenberg's joyful *Orlando*

By KELSEY METZ, Virginia Woolf's groundbreaking tale *Orlando* takes the stage Apr. 28 to explore what we mean when we talk about identity, gender, poetry, and love

Orlando, the final play in the College's Mainstage Theatre & Dance season, traverses three centuries of European history through the introspective lens of a would-be poet who changes gender and lives for hundreds of years. Based on the influential novel by Virginia Woolf, the play tackles difficult issues of gender and of how we create art, says Professor James Peck, who directs the production and is also Chair of the Theatre and Dance Department.

"But it will also be a rollicking good time," Peck says. "It's incredibly funny and beautiful," says Peck, chair of Muhlenberg's Theatre & Dance Department and professor of theater. "It's very emotional, a great love story."

Adapted for the stage by Sarah Ruhl from Woolf's 1928 book *Orlando: A Biography*, *Orlando* tells the story of an ageless, privileged man who begins life in 16th century England. He lives through the 17th century, falls asleep, and wakes up in the 18th century as a woman.

"She is still Orlando in the mind, just in a new body," says Anna Gothard '11 who plays the title character.

As a young man, Orlando desperately wants to become a poet. However, he is called to serve in the court of Queen Elizabeth I. After a series of lovers, including an intriguing Russian princess, Sasha (played by Rachel Berger '11), Orlando escapes to Constantinople. There, in the midst of political turmoil, Orlando falls into a deep slumber, waking several days later to find that he

is now a woman of a different century.

The play encourages audiences to examine how social roles are determined by biology and how these social roles have been constructed by society.

Woolf's novel is based loosely on the life of her lover, Vita Sackville-West. The book's genre is difficult to place, Peck says. Woolf referred to it as a biography, but its fanciful elements—Orlando's centuries-long lifespan and overnight sex change, for example—keep it on the shelves of fiction.

The novel was adapted into a play in 2003 by Sarah Ruhl, a Tony Award-nominated contemporary playwright, recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, and two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist.

In addition to the characters of Orlando and Sasha, the play features about 20 other characters, played by a chorus of nine actors. Each chorus member portrays multiple characters, often bending the constraints of gender. The entire cast is on stage for most of the play, which has proved to be an exciting directorial challenge, Peck says.

"They are the most professional chorus I have ever worked with," Gothard says.



ORLANDO

Orlando will be the final mainstage of the school year!

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through the centuries," Peck says. "He has created a procession of musical styles that conjure the sound of each century. He samples, imitates, rewrites, and combines motifs from Monteverdi to Beethoven to Ellington. But in the end the music is all Ovens—full of wit, intelligence and feeling."

Orlando will be the final role of Gothard's college acting career—the Bangor native graduates this May. It has also been her most difficult role, she says, and her most satisfying.

"It's the biggest part I've ever had," Gothard says. "It has the most to think about, but it's the coolest challenge in the whole world. Every day, after four hours of rehearsal, I feel so rewarded."

Peck says Gothard has more than risen to the occasion. "It is a tour de force role for her," he says.

A film version of *Orlando* was produced in 1992, directed by Sally Potter and starring Tilda Swinton and Billy Zane. Unlike the film, which focused on the darker aspects of the tale, Peck says the play adaptation is cheerful and bright.

"It has love and sex and joy and life," he says. "It's the perfect play for spring."

Orlando performances are Thurs. through Sat., Apr. 28-30, at 8 pm; and Sun., May 1, at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for patrons 17 and under. The production is recommended for mature audiences. Performances are in the Dorothy Hess Baker Theatre, in the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance.

Orlando performance information and tickets are available at 484-664-3333 or www.muhlenberg.edu/theatre.

"They are just as important as Orlando in discovering things about love, gender and sexuality—both as characters and as actors."

The cast's greatest challenge, according to Gothard, has been to carry Orlando and the rest of the characters convincingly through more than 300 years of history. The actors have been working with Marla Burkholder, a Philadelphia-based dialect coach, actor, and teaching artist, who has helped them to make clear choices about how they walk and talk from one era to the next.

"We've been doing a lot of research on how people moved through the centuries," Gothard says. "Our inflections have to change as our costumes change."

The set for the production is designed by Curtis Dretsch, professor of theater design. It includes a teardrop-shaped platform that rotates to show the passage of time, and curtains made from more than four miles of rope.

"There is great with mobility and fluidity in the set," Peck says. "It will be very beautiful."

Also helping to show the passage of time is an original musical score, composed by the College's music professor Doug Ovens.

"Doug's music carries the play through the centuries," Peck says. "He has created a procession of musical styles that conjure the sound of each century. He samples, imitates, rewrites, and combines motifs from Monteverdi to Beethoven to Ellington. But in the end the music is all Ovens—full of wit, intelligence and feeling."

"It will hopefully make you leave the theatre with a new attitude on gender and art. What is gender?"

State(s) of China fundraising dinner

BY COURTNEY BROWN
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

Hello members of
the Muhlenberg
Community!

This year marks the third iteration of one of Muhlenberg's Integrated Learning Abroad (MILA) programs, The State(s) of China. The focus of this class has been to use science and art as disciplinary frameworks through which we could identify and analyze the ways in which modernity is manifested in a constantly changing China. The class will culminate in a 3-week adventure through China at the end of the semester.

This MILA program is open to all students, regardless of their ability to pay. In order to offset the cost of the trip, we have worked collectively to fundraise as much money as possible. We believe that this event provides an opportunity for us to share with the College community what we have learned in class thus far, as well as provide a forum through which we can engage in a discussion about the importance of opportunities such as this one. Please come out and support MILA: China 2011!

All of the need-to-know info:

Dinner will be served in the Hoffman House on Fri., Apr. 29th, from 5:00-8:00pm. Patrons may choose to dine in or take out. Members of the State(s) of China class will provide childcare.

States of China Fundraising Dinner Order Form

Friday, April 29, 2011 - 5-8pm - Hoffman House

Name _____		# of Tickets	Total Price
Contact _____	Student- Dine in (\$10)		
Number _____	Student- Take Out (\$8)		
Child Care Needed? Yes No	Administration/Faculty/Staff- Dine in (\$15)		
Campus Mailbox # _____	Administration/Faculty/Staff- Take Out (\$12)		

Menu: Please fill in the NUMBER of each meal you would like:

- ☐ Chicken with broccoli, Chinese mushrooms and white rice
☐ Beef with broccoli, Chinese mushrooms and white rice
☐ Chicken with asparagus, snow peas and white rice
☐ Beef with asparagus, snow peas and white rice
☐ Vegetable medley with tofu, vegetables and white rice

Please return order form to the ticket sales table in Seeger's Union or mail to Tara Tappen, Box 1709, via campus mail. If sending via campus mail, please provide a return mailbox number to receive tickets. This form will NOT be accepted as an entrance ticket to the event.

The menu includes the following options:

- 1) Beef or chicken with broccoli, Chinese mushrooms, and white rice.
- 2) Beef or chicken with asparagus, snow peas and white rice.
- 3) Vegetable medley with tofu, utoy, baby corn, carrots, cabbage, mushrooms, bean sprouts (subject to change).

Tickets will be sold in the Light Lounge from Tues., Apr. 26th until Thurs., Apr. 28th at discounted rates. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, but we ask that attempts be made to purchase in advance if possible.

Tickets costs vary according to the following:

Dine-in: Admin/Faculty/Staff- \$15

Take-out: Admin/Faculty/Staff- \$12

Dine-in: students- \$10

Take-out: students- \$8

Please make checks payable to Muhlenberg College.

Questions, comments, concerns, or requests for alternate ticket purchasing options should be directed to Tara Tappen at tt236419@muhlenberg.edu.

Delta Zeta makes pancakes to support underprivileged children

BY TORIE PAONE & MARISSA SCHAKTMAN
LIFE EDITOR & ASST. LIFE EDITOR

On Fri., Apr. 15 the sisters of Delta Zeta held a philanthropic event involving pancakes, raffles, a DJ, and dancing!

The night began when the sisters strapped on their aprons, their cooking mitts, and headed to the kitchen to put their cooking skills to the test. Everyone who came to the event was delighted by the variety of pancake flavors offered, including chocolate chip, banana chocolate chip, plain, and gluten-free.

Andy Zepp '12 livened up the event when he played popular tunes such as "Forget You" by Cee Lo Green, "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry, and "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys. The room was filled with excitement and dancing from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

The DZ Hop made eight hundred dollars and all proceeds are going to the Painted Turtle camp, which supports underprivileged children.



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Date: Saturday April, 30

Place: Camphill Elementary School

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Time: 9:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Description: The 2013 Student Council would like to invite you to a community service opportunity.

The Camphill Elementary School was hit by a terrible storm that has left a lot of debris that needs to be cleaned up. We will be picking up and chopping up logs, clearing brush and other maintenance chores.



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Question of the Week

If you could be one piece of technology what
would it be?



"The telephone because I like to
talk a lot."

- Torie Paone '13



"A cat."

- Sam Langer '14



"An iPod because I love listening to
music."

- Melissa Roth '12



"A rotary phone."

- Kelly Frazee '11

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Toasted Bagel with Cream Cheese

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\$4.29



Kobe's mistake

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

In an Apr. 12 game between the Lakers and the Spurs, Kobe Bryant picked up an offensive foul, his fourth foul of the game. As he went back to the other side of the court to play defense he started protesting the call with the ref and when he demonstratively clapped his hands in disapproval of the referee's previous call, Bryant received a technical foul. Directly after the technical foul Bryant was substituted out of the game and as he walked back to his seat on the bench he punched the padded back of the chair out of frustration and then sits down and threw his towel down to the floor obviously upset. Bryant then called out the referee's name, "Bennie" to get his attention and when he supposedly doesn't get the attention of the referee, Bryant then said, presumably to the ref, "F**king faggot," which was caught by the cameras on national television.

The initial action sparked what could be described as a media firestorm and outrage by certain activist groups to be able to objectively analyze the situation through an impartial lens. The gay slur that Bryant used is indisputably a very offensive term and it is unacceptable to use that word with today's culturally homophobic environment. By this cultural homophobic environment I don't purport to make people out to be generally homophobic, but we as a society have surely not accepted homosexuals unconditionally; just one example being gay couples not being allowed to get married in most states. So the response to Bryant's heat of the moment words was one of denigration and he was fined \$100,000 by the commissioner of the NBA David Stern. To be fair to Kobe Bryant he was in no way attacking homosexuals with his comments, although that is how one might perceive it, but simply let his anger get the best of him and said a

word that can be used as a generally disparaging term (and not necessarily an insult to homosexuals) that is not entirely unfamiliar in the NBA and in many other circles. The fact of the matter is Bryant is a global superstar and one of the leading public figures of the NBA brand and to David Stern he has a responsibility to behave according to the respectful and tolerant values that the NBA should represent.

Now, I agree with the fine, although it is probably more than would have been given to a less visible NBA player, but it is important for the NBA to draw a line in the sand on this divisive issue. But I don't think people should go out of their way to castigate Kobe Bryant for his very poor choice of words because if people were scorned every time they said something bad in the heat of the moment well there wouldn't be anyone left to deride. Yet, I understand that this particular word can be incredibly hurtful, but he certainly did not mean it that way and admitted to being unaware of the acerbity and wounding connotations that personify that gay slur. But Kobe is human and happened to make a rather large and consequentially magnified mistake on national television and he is being rightfully fined, but for people who show disdain for Bryant may need to take a step down off their high horse, unless of course their life is dictated daily by the media scrutinizing and stalking them, then feel free to pass judgement.

But an important point I would like to make is the overstated phenomena of the public "role model". Yes, Kobe Bryant is a highly visible sports figure, but the responsibility he has to your children as a paragon of morality and righteousness is minimal to the point of nonexistent. It is actually the job of parents to teach their kids right from wrong, and not the job of Kobe Bryant. That being said Bryant should not

be exonerated from his behavior and he has profusely apologized for his words, but this unseemly incident should not be an opportunity to chastise an athlete (Tiger Woods?), but hopefully correcting our own behavior.

The Lakers organization has announced a working relationship with GLAAD, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. This will hopefully enlighten not just the Lakers, but the entire NBA to the seriousness associated with that gay slur and why it should not be used. But as I said before this should not be about what NBA players do, but what regular ordinary people do.

For those who are not gay, they cannot understand the cruelty that has become synonymous with that word.

John Amaechi, a retired NBA player who openly admitted he was gay after his NBA career, said this in an op-ed response to Bryant's comments, "Right now in America young people are being killed and killing themselves simply because of the words and behaviors they are subjected to for being perceived as lesbian or gay, or frankly just different."

That statement right there, to me, is as clear as day, that we have a responsibility to not use that word, and more importantly to be more tolerant and understanding of other people's sexual orientation.

From personal experience that word was used constantly in high school not to disparage gays, but as a general insult or to be funny. The ignorance not malice that has delineated the word will hopefully make me and everyone else more aware of how the word "faggot" and the surrounding stereotypes can really hurt people and make just living uncomfortable to some people, and no one deserves that for just being themselves.

NHL/NBC Deal: Bad For Hockey

BY JEREMY FUCHS
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On Tues., it was announced that the NHL has extended its broadcast partnership with NBC for another 10 years for \$200 million. Good money if you can get it.

After the lockout, the NHL did not renew its viewing rights with ESPN, choosing instead to switch to NBC and little known Outdoor Life Network, now known as VERSUS.

While VERSUS did offer a plethora of games, there was one problem: no one had heard of the channel. Not every one had it. Not every one knew where it was on their television.

Being on NBC didn't help either. Games were shown once a week. Other than the Winter Classic, the games on NBC were never a huge attraction for hockey fans, let alone trying to attract non fans. Unless your team was playing, you probably didn't watch.

And if you were looking to SportsCenter to watch hockey highlights, you were out of luck. Now that they didn't broadcast the NHL, there was no incentive for them to showcase it. Only two analysts were retained, compared to the seemingly thousands of NFL analysts. Highlights were shown at the bare minimum. Gone were shows like NHL Tonight.

So hockey fans were stuck. Either buy the Center Ice package, which is expensive, or be forced to watch a few games a week on a channel you couldn't find. Bad options.

And while VERSUS has gained in popularity since the beginning of the deal, fans still didn't get great coverage. VERSUS as a channel was never very good at broadcasting a hockey game. They refused to show replays, and their version of a studio show was lacking in on air talent. It was nowhere close to SportsCenter. Besides, the show would only air before games, not continuously like it would if it were on ESPN. With no highlights to back it up, it's easy to see why hockey has lost so much popularity since the lockout.

So instead of going back to ESPN, and gaining the popularity it so desperately needs, the NHL decided to renew with NBC and VERSUS. For the next 10 years, exposure will continue to be limited. Fans won't get the hockey fix that they need. And the NHL will continue to be behind the NBA, NFL and MLB in sports popularity.

While ESPN may not have offered the same amount of money that NBC did, taking less money with ESPN would have led to more money later. The sport would have gotten the exposure it needs, creating more fans and keeping old ones engaged and interested. That, of course, leads to more ticket sales, more merchandise sales, and above all, more money.

Yet, the NHL decided to continue to stay in the sports periphery, taking comfort and security instead of new fans and more money. I don't advise the NHL, but if I did, I would tell them to go back to ESPN. Of course, I do not advise them, so unfortunately, the league will continue to struggle.

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abuse throughout his brief career.

Nate Newton lives by the saying "go big or go home." Newton once weighed as much as 400 pounds (he recently has lost 175 pounds). He also was caught with 213 pounds of marijuana in his van in 2001. Five weeks later, he was caught with ironically 175 pounds of marijuana. However, Newton has turned his life around, losing weight and his drug habit and now speaks to kids around the country to help them not make the mistakes he made.

There are many other athletes that have committed brainless crimes. Adam "Pacman" Jones, Tank Johnson, and the late Chris Henry are three players that have consistently been in trouble with the law. Unfortunately, players signing million dollar contracts doesn't seem to help them improve their decision making. In fact, it may just allow some of them to make even bigger mistakes. A lot of these guys never have to use their brains anyway. Some of them skate through school because they are athletic and people don't want bad grades to hold them back from having a bright future. In reality, that may be the biggest reason for their bad decisions down the road.

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A look inside the Mules' Tennis Teams

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

I had the opportunity to get a little insight from a few players on both the Men and Women's Tennis team. What I learned was more than just tennis and something I couldn't find out from the box scores.

Starting with the Men's Tennis team, the first thing that jumps out at you is their unfavorable record, but an unfortunate injury, a broken wrist, to Senior leader Wayne Mitchel has certainly hampered this team. As natural, the perpetual losing had a certain demoralizing effect on the team which is difficult to break out of. But this does not mean the team is without hope, Mitchel, a team captain says, "The freshmen are really starting to find their games as well as the rest of the team." It says a lot about a captain who can see the glass half full even when things aren't going their way as a team and personally. Another Senior leader, Robbie Goldwein, has also had to stay positive even with the team losing some games they should have won, but his resilience and optimistic outlook is a true sign of a good leader. Goldwein on discussing team chemistry, "As a team, we had fun off the court. We ate dinner as a team and hung out in the evenings. Team chemistry off the court was at an all time high." The importance of team chemistry should never be overlooked and the fact that the team is coming together off the court is a strong sign that this team wants to improve and with the right mindset that they have, they undoubtedly will. And after these comments were made their words rang true as they impressively defeated McDaniel 7-2.

The Women's Tennis team has had a truly remarkable season and they deserve commendation for the special season they are having. This team has had four new freshmen injected into the starting lineup and the team's ability to adapt to this unfamiliar situation has been excellent. At this point the women's team is 8-4,



Left: Sophomore Amanda von Taub has been a constant for the Lady Mules; Right: Senior Robbie Goldwein plays both singles and doubles.

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with an equally impressive 6-3 record in the Centennial Conference. What impresses me most about this team is two things and it surely stems from their four Senior leaders: Sara Sutker, Danielle Winston, Caitie Druker, and Lindsay Schmidt. One is how this team is looking ahead to the Conference championship tournament and looking to improve from last year where they did not make the tournament. As Senior Captain Caitie Druker said, "Being able to make it to the Conference championships as a senior is really special and I hope to do better than we have in the past." This team certainly has the right mindset to be more than just the winners they already are. The second thing that strikes me is how the team's four Senior Captains have been so grateful and humble about their four years

playing tennis at Muhlenberg. They really want to end on a good note to culminate what I am sure has been a very positive reflection on the college and a rewarding experience for the seniors.

Senior leader Lindsay Schmidt remarked as one of the four captains, "we are all happy that after a little bit of a rough season last year we get to finish up our careers with a winning season." From my own experience in sports one of the most important things in being successful is having the right attitude or mindset and believing in your objective. I sincerely believe that every individual person and the team as a whole must believe in order to achieve and judging by their eloquent and honest comments this team believes.

A legacy of "dumb jocks"

BY BRIAN BAXTER
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On Mon. Apr. 19, Cincinnati Reds pitcher Mike Leake was arrested for shoplifting less than \$60 worth of T-shirts from Macy's. He was drafted in the first round in 2009 by the Reds and signed a \$2.3 million signing bonus. He is making over \$400,000 for this year alone.

Athletes have a reputation for being "meatheads" and for not using their best judgment. That, of course, is a stereotype. Unfortunately, some players consistently shoot themselves in the foot, or knee (Plaxico Burress) and try and turn the stereotype into reality.

O.J. Simpson. Mike Vick. Ben Roethlisberger. Now, that we got that out of the way let's look at some other dumb athlete criminals that are not as well-known. Rae Carruth was a first round pick of the Carolina Panthers in 1997. He signed a four year, \$3.7 million deal. Less than two years later he was arrested for aiding in the

murder of his girlfriend, who was 8-months pregnant with his son at the time.

But wait. The reason he had his girlfriend killed was because he had not been smart with his money and he did not want to pay for child support. His girlfriend, Cherica Adams, survived the shooting long enough to tell the police enough information to identify Carruth's role in setting her up. She lapsed into a coma and died a month later but not before they were able to save the baby, who was born 10 weeks early. Carruth is not expected to be released until 2018.

NHL player Mike Danton was arrested in 2004 on charges that he attempted to hire someone to kill his agent. He was released in 2009 on parole.

Maurice Clarett was a star freshman running back at Ohio State in 2002. He scored the game winning touchdown in overtime of the national championship game against Miami. He sat out the 2003 season for legal reasons and then dropped out of school. He sued

in attempt to be eligible for the 2004 NFL Draft but he lost in court, putting him in debt of \$1 million for legal fees. He was drafted in 2005 by the Denver Broncos but was cut during the preseason.

In January of 2006, Clarett was arrested for robbing two people outside a nightclub. Later that year, he was arrested after he made an illegal U-turn and then proceeded to lead the police on a chase. In his SUV, police found two handguns, a loaded AK-47, and a katana along with an opened bottle of Grey Goose vodka. He was sentenced to three and a half years in prison.

In 2006, the late Eddie Griffin crashed his SUV into another car because he was intoxicated and was watching a pornographic video as he was driving. He was drafted 7th overall in the 2001 draft but he would die six years later when his car crashed into a freight train in 2007.

He battled with alcohol

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Don't be afraid to laugh

By KELLY FRAZEE
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On Fri., Apr. 29 Active Minds at Muhlenberg held their third annual National Stress Out Day. The purpose of this event is to serve as pre-finals stress reliever while educating students about stress management, and the difference between everyday anxiety and an anxiety disorder, or related mental illness.

Since it's inception in 2008, Active Minds has become a well-known, and well-received organization on campus, as they continue to hold events that have a direct, positive impact on students. This holds true for years National Stress Out Day as well. Even though the event was cut short by a torrential downpour, it was a success nevertheless. Near 500 people attended the event, which was combined with East Fest hosted by the Office of Residential Services. East Fest contributions to the day included a wrecking ball where students stood on a balance beam float with the ball in the middle and tried to knock each other off. There was also popcorn, cotton candy, Henna tattoos, tacos, beverages, and a game truck with Xbox on the inside and Wii on the outside. All of this was evenly distributed throughout the East Quad along with the tables that Active Minds had for Stress Out Day.

This year's theme, promoted by Active Minds' national office, was "Laugh More." Active Minds chapters on college campuses

across the country embraced this theme for their events, causing a cohesive country-wide movement across campuses.

Laughter has been proven to help improve mood and health, increase alertness and memory, reduce stress, and facilitate social relationships. In response to this theme, Active Minds President Jacob Kreeger '12 expressed, "Who doesn't need to laugh more, and it therefore goes hand in hand with de-stressing at the end of the school year (we all need to laugh during finals time!)." However, Active Minds | PAGE 4



Danielle Wagner and Jessie Chapman '13

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"Oh My Muhlenberg" 2011 Honors Convocation

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA
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"To thee my praises ring, oh Muhlenberg." These words of the College's Alma Mater echoed throughout Egner Chapel this past Sun., May 1st at the annual Honors Convocation ceremony. Honored students, their parents and guests, and members of the faculty and staff gathered for the presentation of student and faculty awards.

Every spring, the College recognizes students for their academic excellence and achievements with the presentation of awards in a range of academic disciplines at Honors Convocation. Awards spanned the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, along with recognition of this year's summer research grant recipients and students elected into the College's Pi chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the National Academic Honor Society. This year, Convocation was held on the same day as Phi Beta Kappa's induction ceremony, during which fifty-one juniors and seniors were admitted to the prestigious society.

Honors Convocation is also a chance

"To thee my heart shall cling, of

for students to see faculty members in full academic dress, as an academic ceremony procession occurs at the beginning of convocation. Faculty display their own academic roots in the form of hooded robes, which are color-coded by their alma-maters and fields of study.

A total of ninety-six prizes were distributed this year, including student, faculty, and board of trustee awards. Faculty award recipients included Dr. Chris Borick, Dr. Alec Marsh, Dr. Paul McEwan, Dr. Holmes Miller, who was honored with the award for Outstanding Advisor to First-Year Students.

Paul Brucker, First Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and member of the Class of 1953, presented the Chairman's Award to Glen Gerchman, Director of Seegers Union and Campus Events, for his contributions over the past year to the planning of Seegers events and the renovation of the student center and college meal plan contract. The Trustees' Award for Continuing Service to the College was awarded to Edwin R. Baldrige, who formerly taught history at the College for forty years and additionally presents an annual prize to a current history major who plans to pursue a career in education.

This year's Honors Convocation Address, entitled "Dive into the Woods," was delivered by Dr. William Dunham. A professor of mathematics here at the College, Dr. Dunham combined reflection, a bit of math, and a bit more humor in a speech that had students and parents cheering. His ultimate message to students, aside from encouraging less texting and more reading, was an inspirational one. Sometimes, as his own successful publications and years of teaching prove, it's worth it to take a risk. Follow the less traveled path, step out of your comfort zone. If you don't, you'll always wonder where it could have taken you. It will undoubtedly lead to work, often even frustration, but taking a "dive into the woods" can take you farther than you ever could have imagined.

This message was an uplifting one, particularly for the many graduating seniors receiving awards and preparing to continue their lives as Muhlenberg alumni. Even upon leaving campus, however, students can forever remember the words to the bell tower's daily toll, "Alma Mater, Oh my Muhlenberg."

On behalf of The Weekly, congratulations to all of this year's Honors Convocation award recipients!

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A top ten three years in the making

So here we are: our last issue. It's pretty unbelievable, after two, for some of us, three, years of spending our Tuesday nights devoted to *The Weekly*, we find ourselves writing our very last editorial. Although we could say a hundred things, we decided to continue this semester's tradition of the top ten. This week's: our top ten memories of our time at *The Muhlenberg Weekly*.

1. Our old office. We're willing to bet the majority of you don't know where it was, but we grew to love our musty, ML Underground basement office and the melodious sounds of the washing machines across the hall.

2. Each of our first published articles. Nothing beats the thrill of seeing your name in a byline on the front page.

3. The Quote Wall. Many years before any of us started, Weekly staff began to archive the funniest quips, particularly those uttered as production wore on late into the night by editors and assistants, by hanging them up on our office wall.

4. Our big red couch. It's seriously the most comfortable couch on campus.

5. Covering the Presidential election of 2008, feverishly refreshing our CNN home pages well into the night waiting for the results.

6. The April Fool's issues. We spend months plotting each year's top stories, and think that this year's was one of our best yet!

7. Our relationships with the staff. Every person listed on our masthead has put in so much effort this year, and we've grown to have friendships with all of them.

8. The pranks we play on each other. From throwing ice cubes to hiding cell phones to possibly nominating people for Mr. Muhlenberg multiple times without their knowledge... we do it all out of love. We promise!

9. Moving to our new office, which we are also willing to bet the majority of you don't know where it is. (By the way: it's in lower level Seegers behind the Red Door!) We are so thankful for the upgrade!

10. Coming together every week to write this editorial. As much work as this, and the rest of our efforts with *The Weekly*, have been, we wouldn't have had it any other way.

Celebrity Apprentice: presidential ginger

By JOSHUA CLEMENT
Op/Ed Writer

America can finally move on past the horrors of its recent past. We now know for certain that our president is not the Muslim Kenyan that we knew, but that he

was born in Hawaii, as he originally claimed. President Obama had tried to hide his birth certificate for the public based on the idea that "it wasn't a big deal," but finally released his full birth certificate due to pressure from one man. This one man whom we must give credit to will be running for President in 2012. The man who has helped this country so immensely and may be our future president is the one and only Donald Trump.

"The Donald" may announced his bid for the next presidential race as a Republican candidate, and he further cemented his political status by demanding the president to release his full birth certificate. Donald Trump is a man with a wealth of experience in the political field, and his respect among the public is unmatched. Just recently, he was on the sophisticated Comedy Central channel and was being asked a series of political questions or "roasted" by political elites such as "The Situation" and Snoop Dogg. This honor has only been bestowed upon other noteworthy political figures like Flavor Flav, William Shatner, and Pamela Anderson. These former political giants have paved the way for the Trumpster, who now will be banner leader for the Republican Party, as a recent poll put him at a nine point lead among all Republican candidates.

Trump has continued his political campaign by following his heart of hearts and going against all reason and sanity by continuing his assault on the president's credibility. Sir Trumpsalot (He actually has not been knighted- for the curious- this is just a silly pet name that I have for Donald) has publicly questioned if the President's grades were good enough for him to attend Harvard business school, and he has asked for the President's school records at Occidental and University of Chicago to be released. The gravitas of this issue is being severely underplayed by the media. Even though the public didn't care that the President admitted to trying cocaine and marijuana in the past, whether or not he passed his required fitness course is of the utmost importance. America is a demanding country to govern, and we need a president who knows the standard relaxation techniques! George W Bush had it figured out; he dealt with his stress by going to his ranch for months at a time.

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Last words of advice



VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

"There's no there. That elusive 'there' with the job, the beach house, the dream, it's not out there. There is here. It's in you, right now." - Brian Kenny

The average amount of time it takes for a recent grad student to get a job and move into the real world is three to six months. Yet the expectations we have for ourselves ranges from about two weeks to a month. For seniors, this time in our lives is supposed to be the great-

est, most exciting; however, it seems to be weighing a bit too heavily on our shoulders. The pressure is too great to bear for those of us who are constantly looking ahead, panicking about supporting ourselves without a job, and wondering where our path will lead after May 22. It is certainly not a comfortable feeling, but if we stopped focusing so much on the future and where we are going to be next year, maybe we could learn how to enjoy what is happening right now.

A wise man told me a few months ago that it is impossible to live unless you live in the present. This is not the first time that I have heard this. In fact I have been told this many times due to my tendency to be a future obsessing psychopath. This time his words were rather intriguing, so I pressed him for more of an explanation. He went on to explain that looking forward too often takes the splendor out of the minutes and hours that we have now; you are constantly planning for tomorrow and not making use of the time you have today; and if that is the case, you are truly not living at all.

Being happy with what you have, loving the people you are with, and paying attention to what is happening now are words that have been echoed by inspirational speakers around the world. The first time I met Deepak Chopra his phone

was buzzing away on the table. Chopra is a world-renowned inspirational speaker. He is best friends with Oprah, Obama, and was Michael Jackson's guru. Needless to say his life is much more chaotic than mine, yet whenever you see him he is beaming a smile right at you. We had just been discussing his busy schedule for the next few weeks when I asked him about the number of emails and phone calls he must receive a day. He looked at me with a grin on his face and said something to the effect of "they are endless." After which I offhandedly asked, how do you remain so calm? I will never forget his quaint response, "my body is busy, but my mind is calm." Then he laughed and said, "You probably have no idea what I'm talking about..." He was partly correct. I did understand what he said, but what I could not grasp was how it was possible.

It would be nice if our minds had an off switch. We find it impossible to turn off our cell phones, so it seems doubtful that if we had the opportunity to turn off our minds we would take it. But how do we train our mind to stay calm and focus on the present?

The mind is a product of an individual's past and present social experiences. Each experience we have, no matter how big, trains our mind to think in a certain way. Whether or not we realize it our

past heavily effects our present. Each event is like a building block that molds and shapes the way we look at the world. David Brooks, an op/ed columnist for the *New York Times* recently wrote a book entitled, "The Social Animal." In his book, Brooks takes the reader through the lives of two characters who had very different experiences. The first character had a loving relationship with his parents and grew up with everything handed to him. The second character was raised with only her mother and grew up with a strong sense of independence. Along with scientific research and years of study, Brooks makes an effort to explain how and why past experience trains us to think like we do.

If our mind is trained through means we cannot control, could it be possible to override the system and change how we think? Buddhists call this mindfulness, and have this ability only after careful practice of stillness.

I am not an inspirational speaker and I have not practiced meditation or Buddhism, but it is an occurring theme that society looks towards the future and lets the present slip silently away. If we stop focusing so much on where we are going to be and what we need to do to get there, maybe, just maybe we can enjoy the day we have been given.

Some food for thought

By ADAM YU
OP/ED WRITER

It's not surprising that one of the most cited pillars of American democracy is the freedom of speech. The idea of one having the right to openly express his or her opinions without interference from the government or societal pressures has been ingrained into our brains and school curricula. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution has shaped the country we live in today by guiding law makers as they decide on what types of policies to enact and influencing the arguments judges and lawyers use to set far-reaching legal precedents. Discussing the First Amendment is not solely reserved for the classroom, halls of Congress, or court rooms. In fact, there is a whole host of current issues, especially social issues, that are or have been focused on questions of free speech. The heated debates we often take part in tend to be the most unlikely situations we might find civility or open-mindedness. Perhaps it is even safe to say the hostility and strong emotions that accompany key social issues bring us to ignore each others First Amendment rights.

Let me stress that there is nothing wrong with being opinionated, but there is a truly disappointing trend towards total rigidity when it comes to politics. Americans on both sides of the aisle are finding it increasingly more difficult to simply agree to disagree. Our positions on current events, particularly social issues, have moved far beyond civil, thoughtful differences. I'm quite confident to go out on a limb and assume that a fair number of us have found ourselves locked in a heated argument where open-mindedness and listening were quickly replaced with shouting, sealed ears, and stubbornness. This is the nuisance that goes along with today's political discourse.

Keeping this dilemma in mind, I'd like to pose a seemingly nonsensical question. What lesson can faith-based initiatives and funding for Planned Parenthood teach us about our not so civil political debates? The value of the answer to this question lies with the nature of the conflicting support and opposition America's opposing political camps with respect to these two issues. Before I continue, I do want to warn you I am making generalizations about both sides on these two social issues.

As federal funding for faith-based initiatives received support in Washington, thanks to former President George W. Bush creating the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, staunch opposition immediately emerged. Critics of this so-called taxpayer supported religion turned to arguments focused on whether or not funding these programs violated the principle of the separation of church and state. Liberals believed funds directed towards these religiously oriented programs was a clear breach of Americans' First Amendment rights because tax dollars were being used to back organized religion and religious teachings. The bottom line was citizens' should not have their taxes redirected into religious initiatives that they were uncomfortable with or that openly supported government-endorsed religious thought.

A similar argument was made during the 2011 federal budget battle. Newspapers and cable news networks seemed to be solely interested in the bickering over federal funding for Planned Parenthood. Conservatives in Congress and all over the country lambasted those who were working to maintain the funding Congress has

consistently provided Planned Parenthood for family planning and women's health services. They were adamantly opposed to the thought of Americans being linked to providing services that ought to be out of the public and government's hands (particularly the possibility of being linked to abortion). Conservatives asserted, as did liberals in their opposition to faith-based programs, that allowing taxpayer dollars to go towards services that received a great deal of disapproval was in direct contrast to Americans being able to exercise their right to free speech through Congressional appropriations.

Critics on both issues were using the same argument. They believed the federal government was ignoring peoples' free speech by funneling money into programs or groups that taxpayers were obviously against. Some cringed at the idea of government-backed religion, while others were in shock over government support of women's services they wanted no part in.

Not only did liberals and conservatives oppose these two issues for similar reasons, but they also support the issues for similar reasons. Despite overstepping the boundary separating church and state, conservatives believed religiously-based programs provided valuable services. Liberals stand with Planned Parenthood using strikingly familiar rhetoric. According to them, the services Planned Parenthood offers are simply for women's health and rarely for abortion. They also say that the organization typically serves women who, if not for Planned Parenthood, would not have access to basic medical care. In the end, both sides were willing, however knowingly or unknowingly, to cross a line and do what they felt was best. They essentially set aside free speech for their notions of public good.

The frustrating part of all of this is that if we think about the reasoning behind why conservatives support faith-based initiatives and liberals support funding for Planned Parenthood, we see a whole lot of hypocrisy and bias. From a truly objective point of view, supporters of Planned Parenthood have little reason to oppose faith-based initiatives because they are so willing to set free speech aside for a program deemed beneficial to the public. Shouldn't we give faith-based initiatives a chance? On the other hand, opponents to funding Planned Parenthood should also denounce tax dollars going towards faith-based programs because taxpayers shouldn't be forced to fund any programs that would force abortion or religion down their throats.

Both ends of the political spectrum tend to support and oppose these two issues according to an established political mold. Personally speaking, I am a non-religious, center-right Republican who supports full funding for Planned Parenthood and backs taxpayer funding for faith-based programs. We need to think about each issue independently and fairly. When it comes to politics, we should ditch the ageless habit of trying to fit in.

FROM APPRENTICE | PAGE 2

"The Donald" is a man of principle, as proven by his refusal to change his hair that has become as much of a celebrity as he has, but Trump's main advantage over his competitors is his infamous show, *The Apprentice*. *The Apprentice* and its current version, the *Celebrity Apprentice* give Trump the experience that he would need to deal with the world's politicians. One can't help but hope that one day we will get to see President Trump try to say "You're fired" to Putin; this hopefully will be combined with Vice President Palin mentioning that her backyard has been looking better than normal.

One can only hope that America will respond to the Donald's political aspirations and recognize what kind of leader that we have before us: a leader who recognizes the important issues, what is worth our time and what are miniscule issues devoted to controversy fanatics. Donald Trump is this kind of man, and he has shown his business savvy with his exemplary imitation of the American style of economics (i.e. getting deeper and deeper in debt). America must sit up and notice; our presidential candidate has come, and we must support the Trump, otherwise the *Apprentice* will keep on airing on TV, and no one wants that.

Also, Osama bin Laden is dead! The War on Terror is over, obviously...

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Fraternity raises money for Cetronia's efforts in Allentown explosion

BY STEVEN MINTZ
NEWS WRITER

On Feb. 9 of this year an explosion ripped apart a house in the area of 14th and Allen Streets. Right down the block stands a senior center with over 600 residents. This explosion and the evacuation of all of the residents at the senior center mobilized one of the largest responses from the Emergency Services in the last few years. Ambulances from stations all over Lehigh County responded to the scene to help out with the evacuation and the treatment of any injured victims.

One of those first responders was Muhlenberg student, Ian Levine '11. Levine has been an EMT since taking a class his freshman year at the College. He is an EMT for Muhlenberg College EMS, serving as a crew chief and social chair. Levine also spent two summers volunteering for an ambulance service, operating under the FDNY-EMS Command in Queens, NY. Last summer, he began working at Cetronia serving the townships surrounding Allentown.

Levine was called into work at Cetronia Ambulance Corp. the night of Feb. 9. "I remember approaching the scene and seeing the sky being all orange. We were able to see the tips of the flames all the way out from Route 22. It was a scary sight, no one knew what happened or what caused it." Five extra trucks were dispatched



STUDENTS FROM L TO R.: JASON RICHMAN '12, DAVID SCHUTZBANK '12, STEVEN MINTZ '12, STEPHANIE ROWAN '11, IAN LEVINE '11

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to not only assist with the incident, but also to maintain sufficient coverage for the rest of the county since many services sent all of their resources to the explosion site. A rehabilitation truck was also sent to the site to help with the treatment of firefighters and to make sure there was enough water and any other supplies needed for the effective work of emergency responders.

In the wake of the explosion, Levine's fraternity brothers, the College's Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter, wanted to do something as a thank you to the people who served the community during this tragic event as well as show support for their fellow fraternity member. In the weeks following the explosion, Sig Ep dispersed around campus to raise money for Cetronia's efforts. Levine noted, "I am very proud of what my fraternity has done in supporting a cause I am so passionate about." On Tues. representatives of Cetronia Ambulance Corp. came down to the Sigma Phi Epsilon house where they were presented a check for their help and timely response during the explosion. Cetronia's Director of Development, Deborah

Allen, commented, "It is first of all remarkable that the fraternity took an active awareness of the issues concerning our community. Showing support for not only Cetronia but one of their fellow fraternity brothers, as well, is outstanding work on their part."

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FROM ACTIVE MINDS | PAGE 1

Active Minds made it clear that sometimes there is something more serious happening under the surface, and laughter is not always enough. Anxiety disorders are serious, significant mental health disorders that can have a severe impact on one's life. National Stress Out Day exists to create an open dialogue about issues of mental health to help students recognize and take care of their own mental health during the inevitably stressful time that is the last few weeks of the school year.

Active Minds had five tables total at the event. At one table, people could make their own stress balls out of sand and balloons. "This is always my favorite table at National Stress Out Day. We've had it at our 2009 and 2010 Stress Out Days as well so it's become a tradition of the event," said Active Minds President-elect JeanMarie DeLuca '12.

The other tables at the event were an information table from the club with educational materials about anxiety, stress, anxiety disorders, and other related mental illness. There were also Stress Out Day 2011 buttons with the Active Minds at Muhlenberg logo on the table that were also distributed to all students via their Resident Advisor/Liaison during Easter Break.

New to Stress Out Day this year was support from the local businesses and organizations in the community. Local business including Cali Burrito, Liberty Street Tavern, and Wegman's donated gift cards that were raffled off during the event. The Lehigh Valley chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention also had an information table at the event, fostering a strong base of community support in the field mental health.

The Active Minds 2010-2011 executive board is very pleased with how the event turned out. Kreeger expressed that although this event is, ironically, usually stressful for the board to plan, it is also a priority, as it has been for the past three years as well. "This speaks to the tremendous message and necessity of the day. It is worth the stress of planning the day in order to provide stress-free, much needed, and well-deserved activities for students," he said. The one thing he would have changed in planning the event? "I would have done an anti-rain dance. This was first year it has rained but otherwise, I was extremely pleased, especially with the making and distributing of buttons."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers possible	Mostly sunny	Cloudy, rain possible
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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 18 - Sick Student - In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Apr. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 19 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found student ID card. The owner was notified to pick up the item. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 19 - Hit and Run - In the faculty/staff parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run. There was damage to the driver's side rear door. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 19 - Vandalism to Vehicle - In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. Scratch marks were found on the driver's side door. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 19 - Found Property - In the 26th and Chew Sts. parking lot, there was a report of a found clip. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 19 - Injured Student - In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 19 - Harassment - At 2259 Turner St. (building #1, first floor), there was a report of harassment. The individuals were issued letters of no contact. Residential Services were

notified.

Apr. 20 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In the Plant Operations' service shops, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to spray paint fumes. The system was reset with no further incident.

Apr. 20 - Larceny/Theft from Vehicle - In the 23rd and Gordon Sts. parking lot, there was a report of theft of a parking sticker. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 21 - Property Damage - In the back drive, there was a report of a broken window in a College vehicle. Plant Operations was notified to repair the window.

Apr. 21 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found backpack. The owner was notified and picked up the item.

Apr. 21 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 318 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 21 - Fire/Safety Violation - In Taylor Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation. A covered smoke detector was found while performing room checks for Easter Break. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be sent to the residents.

Apr. 21 - Fire/Safety Violation - At 2317 Liberty St., there was a report of an animal cage and candle found in a room while performing room checks for Easter Break. The items were

brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Apr. 21 - Harassment - On campus, there was a report of a written harassment. The investigation will continue. Letters of no contact were previously issued to the involved parties.

Apr. 22 - Found Property - In the faculty/staff parking lot, there was a report of a found set of keys. The owner picked up the keys.

Apr. 23 - Fire Alarm

The system was silenced and reset.

Apr. 28 - Found Property - In Trexler Pavilion, lobby level, there was a report of a found iPod. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 28 - Vehicle Violation - In the faculty/staff parking lot, there was a report of a vehicle illegally parked and not registered with an excessive amount of unpaid parking tickets. A Campus Safety officer booted the vehicle. The

Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 28 - Found Property - In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found set of athletic shoes. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The shoes were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 29 - Suspicious Person - On Liberty St., there was a report of a suspicious person sitting in a white van. Allentown Police Department responded and identified the individual. The individual was identified as being an offender on the Pennsylvania State Police Megan's Law list. The individual was allowed to leave the area after Allentown Police ran the name for warrants and none were found.

Apr. 29 - Larceny/Theft - At 423 N. 23rd St., there was a report of theft of a trophy. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 29 - Found Property - In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of found money. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 29 - Lost Property - In Trexler Pavilion, there was a report of a lost necklace. The necklace was later found and returned to the owner.

Apr. 30 - Sick Student - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 30 - Found Property - Off campus, there was a report of a found camera and a student ID card. The student was notified and the property was returned to the owner.

Apr. 30 - Lost Property -

On Liberty St., there was a report of a lost set of keys.

Apr. 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2251 Turner St. (building #5, first floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 30 - Lost Property - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Apr. 30 - Lost Property - In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

May 1 - Lost Property - At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a lost wallet.

May 1 - Found Property - In the Village, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

May 1 - Motor Vehicle Accident - On N. 24th St., there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident. A charter bus backed into a tree causing minor damage.

May 1 - Found Property - In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found backpack. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

May 1 - Found Property - On Liberty St., there was a report of a found bicycle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

May 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2243 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

May 3 - Institutional Vandalism - In Trumbower, first floor, there was a report of vandalism found to the door. There are no suspects at this time.



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"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

- Dr. Seuss

Mikey Angel hypnotizes Muhlenberg

BY SAMANTHA LANGER
ASST. COPY EDITOR

On Sat. Apr. 30, hypnotist Mikey Angel hosted a show in the Event Space, where he hypnotized about 30 students out of the 100 person audience. Prior, to Angel's show, there was controversy among the college student as to whether or not they actually believed in hypnosis and what exactly Angel would be doing at his show. This criticism is nothing new to Angel and definitely not something that he cannot combat. Angel was born into a family of entertainers and has wanted to entertain people ever since he could walk. He did his first magic trick 15 years ago, so he is no rookie in defending and promoting what he does. Angel has never let negative comments keep him from performing as he has been doing it for such a long time.

Angel started the show off with a couple of jokes and commentary on hypnosis. Then, he invited people up to be hypnotized by saying his catchphrase, "Well...don't just sit there...be in the show!" This drove up about 35 students from the audience, but as the show went on, Angel kicked a few students out because he said they were not being hypnotized. Angel commented on the show saying, "I truly believe the people who volunteer to come on the stage are my performers. They are the STARS of the show. I am merely the stage director, casting the right person for that perfect part."

There were several different scenarios that Angel put the people who were being hypnotized in. One was when Angel told them that they were in Hawaii on the beach; some of the people started to pretend they were tanning, and others pretended to be swimming in the ocean. During this scenario Angel kept switching the temperature from really hot to cold to mess with the people being hypnotized. Another scenario was the World's Strongest Man Competition. The males being hypnotized thought that they were really muscular and tried to win the competition. In yet another scenario, Angel held napkins in his hands, but told the people being hypnotized that it was money. All of the participants tried really hard to get some money from him. In another scenario, Angel created the World's



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Greatest Rock Band, and there, some people played blow up guitars and sang into blown up microphones. Lastly, Angel convinced one of the males who were hypnotized that he was Justin Bieber and the student was completely convinced. Whether or not you agree with hypnosis, the Mikey Angel put a great show for the campus. Following the show, the Weekly sat down with David Peitzer '14, one of the individuals who was hypnotized during the show, to get a firsthand experience of hypnosis.

Weekly: Why were you interested in being hypnotized?

David Peitzer: I have done it before when a hypnotist performed for my senior class in high school. That time I truly did feel that when I was in the trance of the hypnotist. I felt the warmth of the beach or the cold of the arctic. Hypnosis is one of the few things I feel that allows you to at least somewhat feel these feelings.

W: Explain what you remember about hypnotized?

DP: The main parts I remember were parts of us when we were either dancing around with our eyes open, or when he gave us commands while our eyes were open. Usually I didn't remember anything that happened between while he said close your eyes, to open your eyes.

W: Do you believe that you were hypnotized? Explain.

DP: A little bit yes, usually it was easier for me to fall under his trances while my eyes were closed. I can go to sleep extremely quick and easily, so like how dreams make anyone feel things, I was able to hear him, see him, and feel what he was describing in my head. However, just like most dreams, they're hard to remember, and even for a few minutes after you wake up it's hard to realize what you do. So like sleeping, I remembered those points of hypnosis for a few moments after the show, but if I was asked after the show, I wouldn't remember for the most part.

W: What are your personal feelings on hypnosis?

DP: It's truly a great way to satiate many feelings in the shortest amount of time possible.

W: If given the opportunity, would you be hypnotized again? Why?

DP: Yes, so I would feel feelings like this and to have a great time!

Question of the Week

What are your plans for the summer?



"I am doing research at the college."

-Brianna Dunn '13



"I am taking an MCAT prep course in NYC."

-Louisa Vikner '13



"I am going to the beach and spending time with my family."

-Ryan Lee '14



"I am attending summer school in Israel."

-Melissa Goldstein '14

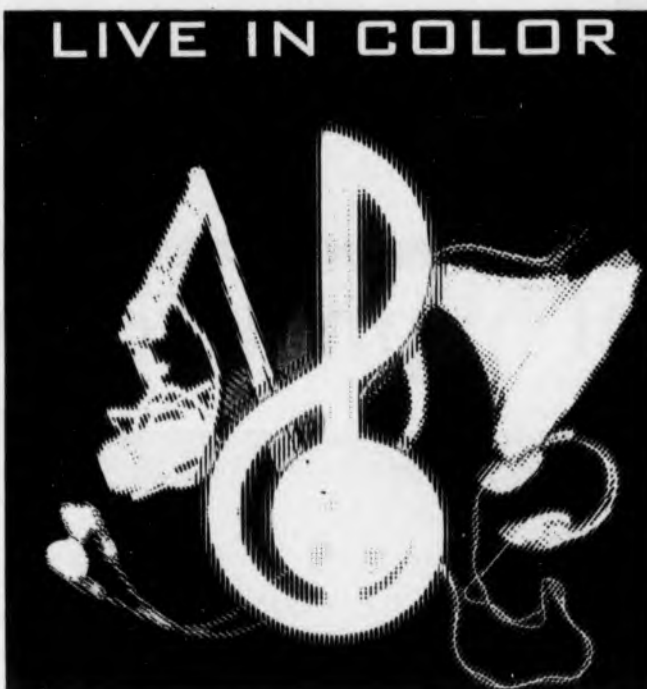
One Colorful Night At Muhlenberg

BY NATALIE BENJAMIN
LIFE WRITER

This past Mon., Live in Color, the College's very own show choir, put on their very last performance of the year. As a dynamic and energetic group, Live in Color, never fails to deliver an exciting performance.

At 7:00 pm, in the Event Space, students, faculty, and family members gathered in the space to listen to the program. The group performed a variety of songs, from Broadway tunes to popular songs. Throughout the year, they held a variety of events, including a joint concert with Habitat for Humanity and the recent Cabaret Show. At the end of the Cabaret, the audience was able to vote for their favorite performances. The top four performers were chosen to sing their song at the last show. Although it was their last performance of the semester, the group did not fail to deliver an outstanding show.

Live in Color was accompanied by its very own talented band, Corporate Casual. The band consists of David Cook '13 on piano, Juliana Repice '13 on the synthesizer, Joel Pelovitz '13 on guitar, David Goodheart '13 on bass and Robert Wilson '14 on drums. Together, they make up a unique band that brings its own personality to the stage. The band opened the show with a bang, performing their version of *Rock and Roll*. Next, Ray Lowe '14 sang a energetic version of Amy Winehouse's *Valerie*. With Caroline Lux '14, Hallie Boviard '14 and Allie Wertheim '14 as accompanying background singers, Lowe worked the crowd with her beautiful vocals and stage presence. The entire ensemble was then invited on stage to perform Green Day's popular song *American Idiot* in the style of *American Idiot the Musical*. With Edward Quach '14 as the lead vocal, the cast danced and moved around the stage, producing shouts and cheers from the audience. The energetic performance definitely set the tone for the night: Live in Color is definitely colorful. Next, the popular song *Grenade* originally performed by Bruno Mars was tackled by the talented Kayla Weinerman '14 and Annie Fruchtmann '13, who performed with much emotion. The ensemble danced and sang behind them,



Live in Color's logo.

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adding even more flavor to the song. As one of the four winners, Caroline Lux performed her rendition of Ingrid Michaelson's delightful song *You and I*. Drummer Robert Wilson provided background vocals, as Lux entertained the crowd with her warm and friendly attitude.

To end Act I, the men and the women performed their own group songs. The men did a very funny and entertaining cover of the song *The Bitch of Living* from *Spring Awakening the Musical*. The men danced on stage and produced major laughs from the audience. The women proved their talent in the fun *California Gurls* cover. Caroline Lux did a great job portraying Katy Perry, while Hallie Boviard rapped Snoop Dogg's verse perfectly.

Act II proved to be equally as exciting as the first. Members performed a variety of different songs, including a Lady Gaga medley. Dani Pampinella '13, Tess Frias '14 and Emily Baldasarra '14, each performed a Lady Gaga song as well as Gaga herself could. Casey Porter '13 and Hallie Boviard performed *S & M* by Rihanna. The girls did a great job singing the popular song while adding their own twists to it. Together, Kayla Weinerman and Dani Pampinella did a fantastic job performing *Take Me or Leave Me* from the musical *Rent*. As two dueling diva's, the girls rocked the high energy performance.

The crowd was wowed with *Somebody to Love* by Queen. Kevin Kulp '14 and Casey Porter blew listeners away with their strong vocals. The ensemble provided background vocals as well. To end the night, the ensemble performed *It Gets Better*. Each member had their own solo and it was a great performance to end the night. Even after they were done performing, Corporate Casual kept the music going. They performed a couple of their own songs, as well as the popular *Forget You* by Cee-Lo Green.

Overall, the concert really showed the true talent Live in Color has. Every member brought their own personality and vocals to the performances, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

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White Orchids: a Thai place to eat

BY AVNI MITTAL
LIFE WRITER

Yes, we all know that the school year is coming to an end and that everyone is stressed and excited for finals to be over. We are all on the same page as we are all ready to enjoy a relaxing summer break.

With just one week left, I suggest in between studying for finals that you and your friends venture off to the Promenade Shops for a break and check out *White Orchids*.

From their appetizers to their desserts, *White Orchids* offers an array of traditional Thai Cuisine. Whether you have had Thai food before or not, I recommend the Tom Yum soup or Chicken Satay as an appetizer. For an entrée, definitely get a Pad Thai for the table and then select a dish or two along with that. If you want to try a "traditional" non-noodle dish, Pad Gra' Prow (Basil Stir-Fry) is a staple



Give Thai cuisine a try at White Orchids.

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for Thai cuisine: the delicious basil sauce with the choice of chicken, beef, tofu, or seafood.

The good thing about Thai food is that it satisfies all types of diets. If you are a vegetarian you will be able to find a dish because you can always substitute meat for tofu.

So after walking around the shops, you should try something new and stop in for a meal at *White Orchids*. They are open for lunch and dinner, and reservations are recommended!

The Promenade Shops are located at Saucon Valley 2985 Center Valley Parkway, Suite 200 Center Valley, PA 18034. To make reservations call (610) 841-7499.

The hours and days include: Monday-Thursday 11:00am - 9:00pm Friday-Saturday 11:00am - 10:00pm Sunday 12:00pm - 9:00pm

Ask the Panda Girl: The Weekly's Advice Column



The Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl-

I have serious senioritis, and I'm only a sophomore. How can I get my butt back on track? Finals are coming up, and I just can't bring myself to care all that much.

-Brilliant but Lazy

Dear Brilliant but Lazy,

Yes, this time of year can be difficult for any of us. The fine weather, the end of classes and prospect of the summer ahead can make it hard to concentrate. The main advice I can give is constant vigilance. Self discipline yourself to stay on your toes.

Find your mind wandering? Snap back to attention. Find yourself lazing about outside? Get up. Get that book. Find a partner to help each other get out of the lazy tendencies. Sit together quizzing each other for the final, enjoying sun while still being productive. Plan your time well. If you take control of yourself now, get those assignments done, you can still enjoy the nice weather and end of term joy rather

than missing out by cramming it all in last minute. Something you really want to do? DON'T DO IT until you achieve some goal. Don't go out with your friends until that paper is done. Tell yourself you can't watch *Glee* unless you study for an hour beforehand. Unplug your Ethernet cable and set it aside until you've done that big assignment that's been looming. Self-discipline yourself with rewards for doing the work, and you'll find yourself less stressed and work completed. Good luck!

Advice of the week:

Alas, the year is over. Time to face our summer retreat from classes, exams and dorm life. Make your summer worthwhile. Don't sit around for three months munching on crisps and playing Call of Duty. Get a summer job and earn some money. Volunteer and do some good. Visit old friends and catch up on your college adventures. Visit somewhere you used to go as a child during the summer: maybe an old amusement park or a tourist spot you haven't thought of in ages. Suddenly having three months ahead of you to do what you will can be daunting. Take advantage of the time! Keep yourself used to a semi-scheduled life so you're ready for next term. Don't sleep till noon every day. Save that for Saturdays. You'll be better off come August with a summer of achievements added to your resume, rather than achievements unlocked on your xbox.

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They Love Me, They Love Me Not

BY BRIAN BAXTER
SPORTS WRITER

Osama bin Laden was one of America's most despised people for many years and when news of his death spread the public reacted with jubilation. On a much, much, much lesser scale of significance, we can look at sports figures that attract the scorn, jeers and general hate from the majority of fans. This is not to compare any athlete to a figure as menacing and dangerous as bin Laden, but rather just a look at people in the sports world that are generally disliked for a variety of reasons, some very insignificant and others more serious.

Ben Roethlisberger is an obvious choice for one of America's least liked athletes. He has been accused of sexual assault not once, but twice. Additionally, he made headlines when he got in a motorcycle accident and was severely injured partly because he wasn't wearing a helmet. As evident from his multiple sexual assault allegations, Big Ben doesn't learn well from his mistakes. After recovering from his accident, he was seen once again riding without a helmet on.

Next up, Barry Bonds. It is hard for anyone to root for this guy, unless you're a San Francisco Giants fan. He has repeatedly denied allegations that he used steroids and he was recently found guilty of obstruction of justice. The homerun record in baseball is sacred and he tainted it when he passed revered athletes like Willie Mays, Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron. He seemingly not only cheated but also has refused to stand up and accept his punishment and admit his wrongs. He is often labeled as someone with an immense ego who is very selfish.

Michael Vick. No explanation needed.

There is a whole group of players who are hated because they are polarizing figures. They are among the best players at their sport but there are other factors that cause them to be generally disliked by many people. This list includes LeBron James, who may be the best basketball player in the world. Many people turned against James when he decided to take his talents to the Miami Heat to join superstars Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh. This made people view him as a "championship chaser" who could not deliver a championship to his team on his own.

Alex Rodriguez, one of the best baseball players in the league, also falls under this category. He didn't help his approval rating by signing with the Yankees, or "the evil empire", as some people call them. Also, the fact that he admitted taking steroids did not endear him to many baseball and sports fans.

Another superstar, Kobe Bryant, is hated by some for his competitive and overbearing personality that many view as cocky and arrogant. When he was accused of sexual assault in 2003, he lost many of his million-dollar endorsements as well as the respect of many fans. Although the case was dropped, Bryant was still guilty of cheating on his wife, although it may not be shocking that a professional athlete didn't remain faithful his significant other, Bryant lost a lot of credibility with many people.

Besides superstars who make dumb, dangerous, and irresponsible decisions, there are other reasons why people become hated. The late George Steinbrenner was hated by non-Yankee fans because of his

willingness to spend as much money as possible to get the players he wanted. Many fans looked at the Yankees with disdain and accuse them of essentially "buying" a championship and not earning it.

It seems apparent that many of these athletes are very successful, despite other flaws they may have or mistakes they have made. One anonymous sports figure that is hated by many, at least by Chicago Cubs fans, is Steve Bartman. You might have forgotten about Bartman, or may not even know who he is, but you can bet that Cubs fans will never forget him. In the National League Championship Series between the Cubs and Florida Marlins in 2003, Bartman, a Cubs fan, was sitting in the stands as the Cubs were just a few outs away from going to the World Series.

A ball was hit near foul territory and Bartman reached out and hit the ball, preventing outfielder Moises Alou from making the out. At that point the Cubs were up 3-0, but they would go on to lose the game after that incident. The Cubs would lose the following game and would lose the series, with many blaming Bartman for the Cubs collapse. He had to get police protection after his address was leaked on the Internet and angry Chicago fans threatened to actually track him down and hurt him. Currently, the Cubs have not won a championship in 102 years, a longer drought than any professional team in North American sports.

So beware. Whether you are a millionaire athlete or a fan in the stands watching your favorite team, think before you make your decisions or else you could find yourself as the next villain in the sports world.

Last Week's Scores

Baseball

(11-26-1, 7-11 CC)

Apr. 21 vs. Dickinson L 10-5

Apr. 25 @ John Hopkins L 9-2

Apr. 29 vs. Baptist Bible W 29-0

Men's Lacrosse

(5-9, 2-6 CC)

Apr. 23 @ Ursinus L 6-3

Women's Lacrosse

(7-8, 3-6 CC)

Apr. 22 @ Ursinus L 14-5

Men's Tennis

(4-10, 2-7 CC)

Apr. 21 vs. Dickinson L 8-1

Apr. 23 @ Ursinus W 5-4

Women's Tennis

(10-6, 7-3 CC)

Apr. 27 vs. Haverford, C.C. Playoffs W 5-0

Apr. 30 @ John Hopkins, C.C. Playoffs L 5-0

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we didn't want to let it get to that."

There still remained one bit of business, and that was to keep Dickinson off the board in the bottom of the seventh. And even though Brewer could see firsthand the difficulties Barry was having, she said the weather was not an issue as she prepared to pitch the seventh.

"The rain doesn't bother me," she said. "On my travel team there was one season where it seemed like it rained every time I pitched. The rain kind of helps me not think about things.

"This is something that I've wanted for a long time, ever since we won the championship two years ago," she added. "That desire overtook any apprehension I had about going out there."

Brewer wasn't out there long, needing only six pitches to retire the side on a strikeout, popout and groundout to Senior Jess Kasza at short, giving the Mules their second championship in three years. Rain was also a factor in the 2009 title. That year the second day of the tournament was rained out, giving the Mules the championship as the highest remaining seed.

"This one feels much better, knowing that we actually won instead of getting it by default," said Brewer. "We came in knowing we could do it and battled every game. It was just a great team win."

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Could you forgive them?

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People rightfully know Chris Paul as the superstar point guard for the New Orleans Hornets. His ability to put up triple-double numbers, his tenacious style, unrelenting play and his unselfishness all add up to make him one of the most talented, entertaining, and well liked players in the NBA. Despite a valiant effort where Chris Paul and the Hornets pushed the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers to six games. Paul carried the team to make the series interesting and competitive. Yet Paul was in the news earlier in the series, not for his spectacular play, but when he invited a high school basketball player and his father to come watch the Hornets play in game 3 in New Orleans against the Lakers.

Chris invited the high school basketball player, Brad Rhoades, to the game because they have a lot more in common than just basketball. On February 27 Brad's mother, Kristen Rhoades, died at the age of 46 in a snowmobile accident. Two days after his mother's tragic death his Pembroke Academy team had a game. "I wasn't sure if I wanted to play yet because I was so tired," Rhoades said. "I told my Uncle John, 'I'm playing this game. I'm scoring 46 points.'" At halftime Brad already had 27 points. "Then he went in the locker room and told his teammates what he was trying to do," said Rhoades' father, Frank. "Then his sister got involved. She talked to him and gave him encouragement, said 'Mom's here. You can do this. 'You should do it for her. She'd want you to do it.'" With four minutes remaining in the third quarter Brad reached his goal of 46 points, one for every year his mother lived.

When the story became nationally prevalent Chris Paul heard of the amazing story and it brought back memories of his own. In 2002 Paul was a high school

basketball player when five adolescent boys attacked a 61 year old man for his wallet. The boys bound the elder man's wrist, shut his mouth with duct-tape, and beat him with pipes, killing him in the process. This 61 year old man was Chris Paul's grandfather, Nathaniel Jones.

Jones wasn't just Paul's grandfather; Jones referred to him as his best friend. Jones, affectionately known as Papa Chili, was the first black man to open a service station in the state of North Carolina. He was venerated for his generosity. At times he would let people run a tab for people during tough financial times and even handed out money from the cash register for those in desperate need.

Two days before this heartbreaking assault, Paul, as a high school senior, had announced his decision to play college ball at Wake Forest. No one could have been happier and prouder than his grandfather. Two days after Nathaniel Jones died, Chris Paul had his high school basketball game, where he wasn't sure if he would play due to his grief. Paul played in that game and ended up missing a free throw at the end of the game, purposely. He wanted to end his point total with exactly 61 points, one point for every year of his grandfather's life.

What Paul did for Brad was a tremendous gesture. No one knows better than Paul what it's like to be in that position. "I, like, started crying with happiness," Brad Rhoades said. "I was so happy."

Paul's amazing and rare generosity does not stop there. Now at age 25, almost nine years removed from that tragic day, Paul said of his grandfather's attackers, "These guys were 14 and 15 years old [at the time], with a lot of life ahead of them. I wish I could talk to them and tell them, 'I forgive you. Honestly.' I hate to know that they're going to be in jail for such a long time. I hate it."

This statement just floors me, to think that someone can have that much compassion and benevolence for the boys who killed his grandfather. These five teenage boys, only one of them already with a criminal record (for running away twice and stealing his mom's car) make none of them a typical recurrent criminal.

One day they had decided to rob someone, and the man they saw getting out of his car from around the corner happened to be Paul's grandfather. They sprinted across a park to get him while he was getting the groceries out of his van. With the tape they had just bought that day from the drugstore, they fettered his head, neck, and hands. The judge at their trial called the subsequent act a "relentless, remorseless, conscienceless" attack.

"Even though I miss my granddad," Paul said, "I understand that he's not coming back. At the time, it made me feel good when I heard they went away for life. But now that I'm older, when I think of all the things I've seen in my life? No, I don't want it. I don't want it."

How can someone who felt that much pain for a needless and vicious murder want to actually forgive the murderers? To me this story seems almost mythical, but when I see a man with that much kindness in his heart it seems less mythical and more special. Put in that position I don't think I could ever forgive a person for such a heinous crime, let alone want their sentences reduced. All five have been in for eight years, two of them have six years left, one seven, and two are in for life and Paul doesn't want one colossal mistake, if you can call it a mistake, to ruin their lives.

I, at first, see this as rightful justice, but maybe Paul sees something or feels something I can't.

Whether or not you or I could forgive them is secondary to the type of person Chris Paul truly is. He is not just a good person, but a great one.

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Mules Softball wins Centennial Conference Title

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On Fri., the Mule Softball Team was at practice when the skies opened up and rain began to fall. The coaches wanted to move the practice indoors, but the players insisted on staying outside until the shower passed. It eventually did, and the Mules came out of practice soaking wet.

As you practice, so do you play. On Sunday, the Mules played through another downpour, and this time they came out of it as the Centennial Conference champions.

A two-out single by Junior Brittany Blohm brought in the winning run as Muhlenberg scored three runs in the top of the seventh to stun Dickinson, 4-3, in the CC championship game. The Mules, who swept through the CC tournament in three games, receive the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The field will be announced on Mon., May 9, with play scheduled to begin on Thur., May 12.

The Mules, who tied McDaniel and Ursinus for the most championships (five) in CC history, entered the day knowing that either Ursinus or Dickinson would have to win three games to claim the title. But with the Red Devils featuring super pitcher Allison Jordan, the prospect wasn't so far-fetched.

Dickinson (20-17) knocked out Ursinus in the first game, 5-2, setting up a rematch of yesterday's nail-biting 1-0 Mule win, which came down to the last play. Jordan pitched well, but in her fourth game in two days was far from the dominating pitcher who in her last three starts against Muhlenberg struck out 16, pitched a perfect game and struck out 11.

The Mules made it difficult on her by consistently

working deep counts and fouling off two-strike pitches. "We battled the whole game," said Blohm. "We made her throw a lot of pitches and work hard to get outs."

Muhlenberg's starting pitcher, Senior Ashley Brewer, admitted that she did not have her best stuff, either. In the bottom of the second, she threw two wild pitches, allowing Dickinson to score two runs without hitting the ball out of the infield.

Muhlenberg (25-15) got a run back in the fourth when Freshman Kelly Kline led off with a single, the Mules' first hit of the game. After a sacrifice and a flyout, Senior Alyssa Epstein drove in pinch-runner Freshman Lauren Hochreiter with a single.

Still down 2-1, Muhlenberg threatened to tie the score in the sixth, loading the bases on a hit batter and two walks. Freshman Chelsea Benjamin sent a long drive to deep right-center, but it was tracked down for the final out.

After the Red Devils extended their lead back to two on a solo home run in the bottom of the inning, they chose to remove Jordan. A steady rain that had been falling since the middle of the game got stronger, and reliever Liz Barry clearly had trouble getting a grip on the wet ball.

Freshman Colleen O'Donnell led off the seventh with a single and advanced to third on a pair of wild pitches. With one out, Freshman Erica Wenzel walked and went to second on a yet another wild pitch.

Brewer, who missed a two-run homer by a few feet in the third, beat out a grounder to deep short as O'Donnell crossed home. After Brewer stole second, Freshman Kelly Kline hit a ground ball to third to bring in Wenzel with the tying run.



Senior Mule Captains Jess Kasza, Ashley Brewer, and Junior Captain Brittany Blohm pose with C.C. Trophy.

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

That brought up Blohm, who singled in the hole between third and short to plate Brewer with the go-ahead run.

"I was nervous, but I knew if I made contact down and on the ground we'd be fine," said Blohm, whose 26 RBI this season are one more than her total from the previous two years. "We knew we had the option of a seventh game, but

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2011 NFL Draft Review

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The 2011 NFL Draft has come and gone, making the only football event since the Super Bowl a short one. Still, despite lockout uncertainty, the draft was unaffected and commenced as per usual. The first round, always a matter of contentious debate within the sports world, featured a few different types of players: "safe" picks, franchise players, and players who could either make your draft and break your heart.

The first player taken was Heisman trophy winner Cam Newton, QB from Auburn. There is absolutely no denying Newton's talent. However, coming from an unconventional offense at Auburn, and serious questions about his work ethic make selecting Newton a risky proposition. While his spectacular talent could push him to the NFL's elite, his subpar work ethic could push him out the league. This pick falls under the make your draft or break your heart. The outcome is entirely up to Newton.

The 2nd quarterback taken, Jake Locker from Washington, does not have Newton's work ethic concerns. His concerns lie in his accuracy, or lack thereof. Locker hovered around 50% accuracy during his entire career, a number that will not cut it in the

NFL. Being a Titan means he'll get help from one of the games best running backs, Chris Johnson. Still, unless Locker can find a way to become more accurate, Tennessee will be faced with a bust.

Not every pick was make or break. For example, the Bills selection, Alabama defensive tackle Marcell Dareus, was seen as safe and effective. Dareus was considered to be one of, if not the, top players in the entire draft, and will help bolster a sagging Buffalo defense. The Cardinals selected LSU cornerback Patrick Peterson, another safe selection. Peterson has been compared to Rod and Charles Woodson, and if his career is anything like those two players, the Cardinals will come out of the draft just fine.

The Bengals selected AJ Green, a wide receiver from Georgia. Green projects to be one of the best receivers in a long time, and will be a franchise player. So much so, that he might even convince disgruntled quarterback Carson Palmer to call off his retirement threats and resume his career in Cincinnati.

Later picks are not chopped liver. Some of the best players come later in the first round. Players like Mark Ingram, a running back from Alabama, should be fine addition to an already potent offense in New Orleans. Anthony Castanzo, a left tackle from Boston

College, should finally solve Indianapolis' problems at that position. Gabe Carimi, another left tackle who hails from Wisconsin, should finally upgrade a line in Chicago that has failed to protect Jay Cutler.

Drafts are also not made in the 1st round. There are often valuable players who come from all rounds. The 49ers found their quarterback of the future, in Nevada's Colin Kaepernick. The Lions, by selecting Illinois running back Mikel LeShoure, will form a devastating one-two punch in the backfield, teaming LeShoure with last year's first round pick Jahvid Best. The Browns found a legitimate target for quarterback Colt McCoy in North Carolina wide receiver Greg Little. If Carson Palmer decides to not return, the Bengals will have found his replacement in Texas Christian quarterback Andy Dalton.

With the NFL in limbo, the draft represented the only opportunity for teams to upgrade their rosters, and gave fans a reason to cheer. We do not know what the next incarnation of NFL football will be, or whether there will be a season starting in September. Still, the NFL draft has given us football, albeit for three days. With TV ratings through the roof for the draft, this has become just another sign to end the lockout, and resume football.